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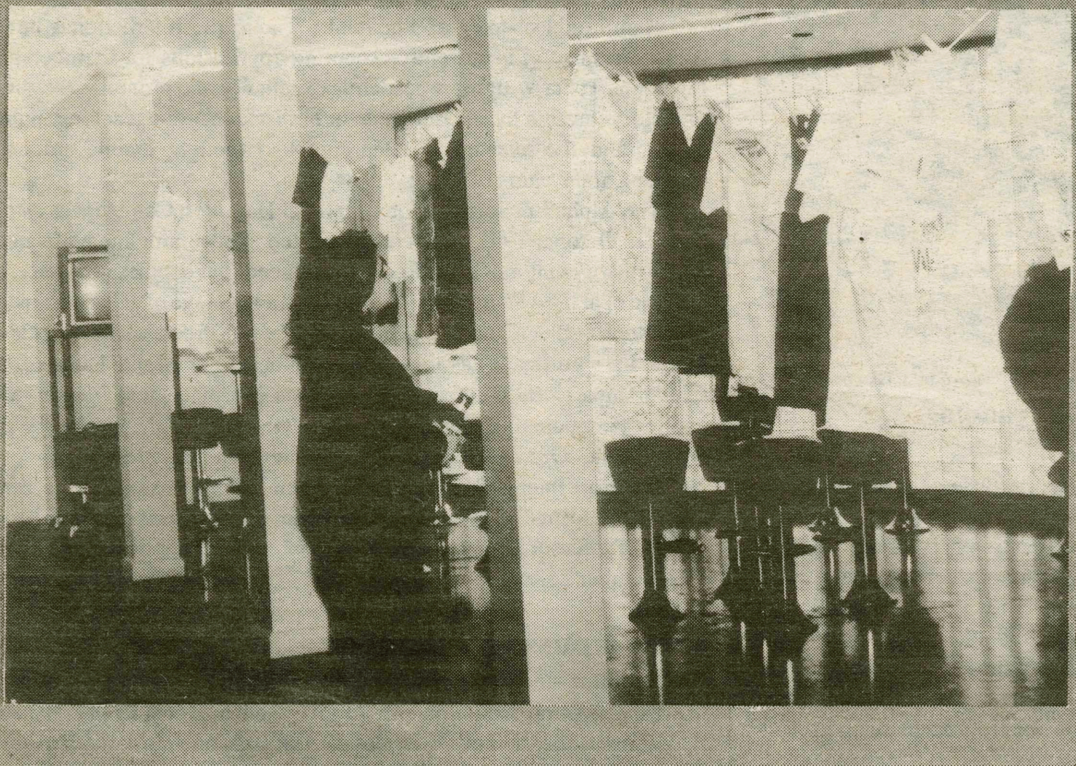

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Students caught a glimpse of the Clothesline Project this week in Beinecke as part of the events taking place around Take Back the Night. See full story below.

Statesman Wilder gives insight on 1996 election

BY JOANNE PAILEY '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, L. Douglas Wilder, the former Governor of Virginia, paid a visit to the Hamilton campus. Wilder was here to give a lecture in the Chapel at 7pm on Wednesday evening. The lecture entitled "Social and Political Issues Facing America and the 1996 Elections" was sponsored by The Root Jessup Public Affairs Council.

Wilder has been a long time active participant in government. He served as both a Senator and Lieutenant Governor in Virginia prior to his term as Governor. After spending nearly twenty-five years involved in politics, Wilder has a very interesting perspective on the movement of politics in America today. Wilder is noted not only for his time in office, but also for being the first African-American to hold any of these positions in Virginia.

Prior to the lecture, The Root Jessup Public Affairs Council also sponsored a dinner for the former Governor in the Penny Room in Bristol.

The Root Jessup Public Affairs Council sponsors two to three speaking events each semester. "Mr. Wilder was chosen for his upstanding character and influence," said Mike Hanley '98, a member of The Root Jessup Public Affairs Council. The dinner, in particular, was a wonderful opportunity for students on the council to meet with Wilder and discuss issues with him on a more intimate level. Wilder discussed everything from the media's influence in politics to some anticipated and also surprising results in the 1996 elections.

The dinner was also an opportunity for Wilder to speak with students

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Koestner, community 'Take Back the Night'

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Members of the Hamilton community recently had the opportunity to "Take Back The Night" and speak out against sexual assault on college campuses. The evening started at 7:30 p.m. with a talk on date rape in the chapel with Katie Koestner, a date rape survivor. The talk was followed by a march across campus and later a speak out and candle light vigil in the Events Barn.

During Koestner's speech she described her experience as a college freshman at the College of William and Mary in 1990. Three weeks into her first semester, she was raped by a fellow student whom she had been dating. Since this experience, Koestner has been featured in Time Magazine, and appeared on numerous talk shows in hopes of educating students about date rape and also influencing school policies on sexual assault. Her story was also featured in an HBO docudrama which was shown on Sunday night in the Red Pit followed by a discussion with Koestner.

She has spoken on Capitol Hill to influence the passing of a new sexual assault act. Koestner has co-written a book on the policies of sexual assault. She has traveled to over 300 schools nationwide and heard thousands of stories about victims of assault. She hopes that by telling her story so many times she will make a difference in the mind of at least one person. When asked what advice she would give to people who have been faced with sexual assault, Koestner said people need to "be strong and stand up for themselves." She also assured students that here at Hamilton, "the Dean of Students does not like rape," and unlike in her own experience, students who have been sexually assaulted should feel comfortable going to her for help.

Throughout the talk, students learned many surprising facts about date rape. For example, one rape occurs every twenty one hours somewhere on a college campus. Also, eighty-four percent of rapes are committed by someone that the victim knew, and in most cases trusted. Koestner also spent a while talking about "roofies" the date rape drug that has been traveling to cam-

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Multicultural Weekend attempts to add racial, ethnic diversity to College Hill

BY JOHN FARRANTO '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

This is the first in a series of articles on diversity at Hamilton College.

Like many other small, liberal arts colleges, Hamilton has a low percentage of students of color. This has led to many complaints that the campus environment is not diverse, and that an atmosphere that promotes racial and ethnic diversity does not exist. More importantly, this has also led to an underlying tension between people and poses a unique challenge for students of color who are here. It has also raised several introspective questions.

For example, why is Hamilton's percentage of non-white students so low? Is this college a comfortable place for students of color? What is being done to increase the diversity on the hill? Does racism exist at Hamilton? Each year the Admissions Office organizes Multi-Cultural Weekend, which is an opportunity for Asian, African-American, Latino, Hispanic and Native American prospective students to visit Hamilton. Held on November 9-11, Multi-Cultural Weekend was a chance for 60 students of color to come to Hamilton, stay overnight with host students, and attend various social events, as well as college interviews.

DIVERSITY AT HAMILTON

	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97	Avg.
Non-resident alien	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%
Black, non-Hispanic	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Hispanic	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
White, non-Hispanic	86%	84%	86%	87%	85%
Total Enrollment	1637	1664	1680	1715	1681

SOURCE: U.S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION SURVEY: IPEDS-EFI 1992-96

"We wanted to invite a lot of students from different backgrounds to show them that Hamilton has a lot to offer minorities," said Yve Padilla, Class of '00 and member of the Multi-Cultural Recruitment Committee, which organized the weekend. "We want to give more city students an opportunity to check out a school in a very rural area." "Multi-Cultural Weekend is an open house for minority students," said Karen Johnson, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Coordinator of Multi-Cultural Recruitment. "My goal is that qualified minority students will know about Hamilton. And this year we are committed to diversity."

Currently, there are 1,715 students enrolled at Hamilton. According to the U.S. Department of Education Survey regarding enrollment by racial and ethnic status, eighty-seven percent of the students are white non-Hispanic, three percent are Hispanic and three percent are Asian or Pacific Islander. The student body is four percent non-resident alien, and only two percent Black and non-Hispanic. "Proportionately our numbers are low," said Johnson. However, she pointed out that historically most small, liberal arts schools have very

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Experiences help 'Take Back the Night'

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puses around the nation. This drug looks like Aspirin and dissolves in liquids. One pill can knock a person out for two to eight hours. Koestner's advice to students was that if you don't open the bottle yourself, don't drink it.

After the talk, students gathered with Katie Koestner in the chapel making signs for the march. Some of the slogans included "Take Back the Night," "Silence equals death," and "Speak Out." Approximately twenty students marched across campus chanting things such as "No more silence, no more violence."

Response to this rally was mixed throughout campus. While the majority of the students supported the movement and understand the seriousness of the situation, others did not appreciate the night's activities. While the group marched through the campus, some students yelled such things as "Shut up" from the windows of their rooms. This negativity did not affect the success of the march or the message that it was trying to convey.

After touring the campus, the group gathered in the Events Barn to speak out and share experiences of sexual assault. Students were given the opportunity to get up and share their story, and many did. Koestner spoke again briefly, and remained to listen to the stories that were being shared. For many it was an empowering and emotional experience. There was a candle-light vigil held on the bridge to close the night's experiences.

The purpose of the Take Back the Night activities was to heighten the awareness of date rape on campus. Katie Koestner said that part of her problem was that six years ago nobody ever talked about date or acquaintance rape. Once people begin to realize that it is a real problem they will be able to take steps to protect themselves.

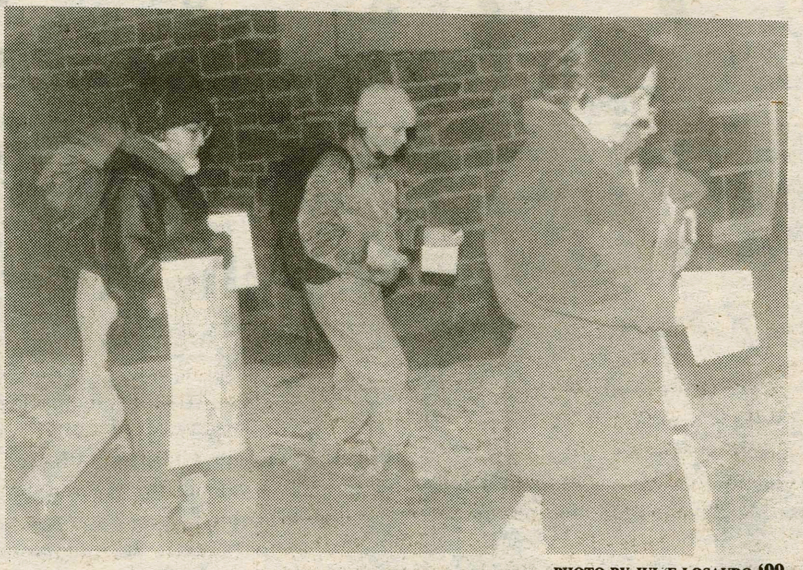

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Community members march through campus.

Writers Harvest raves in ELS for charity

By Joe Willett '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The November 11 issue of *The New York Times* reported something that students at Hamilton already knew. "Computer networks," the *Times* reports, "are cinching even tighter the already inward-looking communities typical of campuses." Researchers report that students don't gather anymore, that the once-crowded rathskellers and hamburger joints around campuses have given way to cybersociety.

At the same time, we understand that student volunteerism has gone up; they are not myopic about the enormous needs of the larger society. This Friday night, November 15, Hamilton students will have a chance to combine that spirit of public service with real-people socializing at the Writers Harvest RAVE. In addition to the usual music and dancing, promoters of the event have included poetry and other literary readings. There will also be an open mic for more zealous ravers.

The staff from President Tobin's office have offered the festivities a special challenge. If the committee sells $100 dollars or more by the start of the party, Tobin will read a poetic selection to the assembled.

Sponsored by the national anti-hunger organization Share Our Strength, the Writers Harvest RAVE will raise money for food assistance and malnutrition treatment in the local midstate New York area. With tickets selling at $2 in advance and $3 at the door, the students and faculty organizing Writers HRAVEst hope to contribute between $300 and $500 to local hunger relief organizations. A local DJ is donating his time to the Rave, which will run from 8 p.m. to midnight in ELS Basement. Student volunteers are also sponsoring "rooms" devoted to Gertrude Stein, the Beats, Dr. Suess, and other literary figures whose work seems to fit the spirit of a Rave. Writing on the walls will be encouraged. Faculty are sponsoring student readings of their favorite poems in between DJ sets, and spontaneous readings will likewise be encouraged. The Rave is alcohol free, but refreshments are being donated by the English Department. Members of the faculty have also been encouraged to donate a dollar each to sponsor a poem for the event.

This year's fifth annual Writer's Harvest hopes to be the lergest yet, with the support of over 500 bookstores, community centers, and colleges across the nation.

Here at Hamilton, Matt Flynn '00, Allison Coffey '00, and Tim Stanish '97 have agreed to be the student coordinators and have acted in concert with Associate Professor of English, Lucy Ferriss to make this event possible.

Nationally, the Writers Harvest is sponsored by an organization called Share Our Strength (SOS), the nations leading anti-hunger organization. Since its inception in 1984, SOS has distributed more than $30 million in aid to over 800 US organizations.

Professor of English Lucy Ferriss contributed to this article.

Weekend seeks to diversify student body

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low percentages of students of color. Also, because Hamilton is in a rural, environment in upstate New York and has a predominently Caucasian population, many students of color may not be attracted to it.

Multi-Cultural Weekend gave many students a chance to be on campus and talk to students about Hamilton. Padilla said one Latino prospective student e-mailed her and thanked her for giving him a Latino perspective of the college. "We can make Hamilton more diverse and recruitment is one of the first steps," Padilla said. However, recruitment is just a first step. Another issue is whether once enrolled students of color are comfortable at Hamilton. "We are a predominantly white institution," said Johnson. "And for being a predominantly white institution, we are as comfortable a place for minorities as we could be. But I think people need to challenge themselves to get to know different people and to be more open to each other. Students of color are few in number and they challenge themselves on a daily basis."

Padilla expressed similar concerns about Hamilton students getting more involved with the diversity that is already here on this campus. Organizations like La Vanguardia, the International Student Association, and the Black and Latino Student Union (BLSU) are composed primarily of students of color, but they are open to all students, and all students are encouraged to get involved.

It is difficult to say whether Multi-Cultural Weekend has a significant effect on increasing the numbers of students of color in Hamilton's student body. The percentages of students of color (within one or two points) have remained the same over the past four years. The five year average from 1992 to 1997 for the percent of white non-Hispanic students is eighty-five percent, a number that might not show too much fluctuation in the near future.

HAMILTON COLLEGE

NEWS BRIEFS

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Hamilton chapter of international history honor society accepting applications

Hamilton's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international honor society in history, is currently accepting applications for membership. Phi Alpha Theta recognizes academic excellence and promotes the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and thought among students, teachers, and writers of history.

The Alpha Epsilon Upsilon chapter at Hamilton College was established in October 1991. Students interested in becoming members need not be history majors. They do, however, need four courses in history, an average of at least 86 in history courses and an average of at least 85 in the rest of their courses, and they need to be in the top 35 percent of their class. There are significant advantages to members: Phi Alpha Theta offers scholarships to its members, has its own job placement bureau, and entitles members to a higher entry-level GS rating if they work for the government. Our chapter also organizes its own activities.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Phi Alpha Theta, brief application forms are available in the history department office, KJ 136, or from Professor Douglas Ambrose, KJ 132. The application deadline is November 26. *—Department of History*

All campus card changes

Hamilton students wanting to get into the dining halls without their I.D. cards will no longer be able to give their numbers to the checker. According to Besty Espy, Director of Auxillary and Contract Services, the card system is changing to allow extensive use of the card as a charging device with vending machines, the diner and even local delivery restaurants. These benefits will not take effect immediately.

The drawback to this new system is that the change does not allow for the checker in the dining halls to punch in the I.D. number when a student does not have their card. This change will take effect during Thanksgiving. *—Spectator Staff*

Wellness Seminar: Smoke-Free America

Lynda Greve, a speaker from the American Cancer Society is an advocate of a smoke-free environment. Her program was developed in order to help physicians instruct patients of the dangers of smoking and its effect on the human nervous system. Her role is to influence others to smoke or not to smoke. "Cigarettes are the leading cause of preventable death in our nation today." Similar to lung cancer, emphezema is the leading cause of death among smokers for those over the age of 65. It recently, as of 1989, moved from the number five spot to the number three spot of the causes of death in the elderly. In 1989 alone, 390,000 deaths occurred as the result of tobacco use. This number exceeds the combination of all other major deaths that year: suicide, homicide, and drug use.

So if smoking is so bad for people, why do many insist in continuing this fatal habit? It is said that 87% percent of smokers want to quit. The question is where should they start and is it too late already? Absolutely no one is immune from the effects of smoking. Smoking effects multiple parts of the body: lungs, lips, mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus and can result in the development of cancer in the cervix, pancreas, bladder and kidneys. Aside from cancer, smoking can also contribute to peptic ulcers, slower healing of ulcers and heart disease. Smoking has become a function of many lives. It's allure is related to it's ability to serve as a release for hunger, stress and over tiredness. It is not just a habit or an addiction but it is a form of psychological dependency. "Nicotine is a drug, as addictive as cocaine or heroin," said Greve. Many times overlooked, second-hand smoke can cause lung cancer in healthy non-smokers due to the 43 chemicals dispersed in the tobacco smoke.

As tobacco consumption is declining, it is speculated that within ten to fifteen years from now, smoking will be banned. Awareness and recognition of the dangers involved in cigarette smoking is circulating and consequently effecting the tobacco market tremendously. With their sudden decrease in consumer support, they have since turned towards third world countries in search of new markets.

Prior to the 1950's few women were smokers. It was not "socially acceptable" and therefore discouraged. With the attempt to establish equality among women and men, strides were made to support womens' desire to smoke. Lung cancer now exceeds breast cancer as the most predominant cause of death among women. This news is frightening and deserves attention. It is important to realize that many deaths could have been prevented if only they had been properly warned of the dangerous side effects that their habit would bring to them. As a friend, family member, or citizen, it is our role to try and inform smokers of the potential danger that awaits them. Lynda Greve suggests four things to hopefully deter the support of tobacco smoking: Ask, Advice, Arrange, Assist. These are helpful suggestions which will only help if the individual is willing to endure the long journey. Stopping smoking is not an easy process and the expected quitting rate of those attending a program is as low as 15-20%. So the question remains:Is smoking really a personal matter or does it effect generations? *—Suzanne Dougherty '00*

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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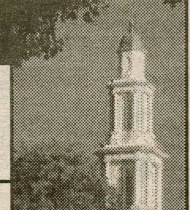

Santa Clara draws up new alcohol policy

The administration at the Santa Clara University is in the process of changing its alcohol policy. Under the proposed University Alcohol Policy, alcoholic beverages may not be served at off-campus events sponsored by student organizations, even by students of legal drinking age. If the policy is approved, all student dances, organization and club retreats and Senior Class events will be dry.

The university's main concern is liability. If a student files a lawsuit pertaining to an off-campus event, SCU ends up paying the bill. "The Senior Class doesn't exist from a legal standpoint," said Charles Erekson, assistant vice president of student development. "From a legal standpoint, the university is conducting this event. The court is going to say we're the corporate sponsor." To further reduce risk to the university, a new provision in the draft requires that alcohol at all on-campus events be supplied, sold and served by an authorized and licensed university food service provider. This eliminates a third-party alcohol supplier, Erekson explained.

Students say the university is infringing on their legal rights to have a beer if they are of legal drinking age. "I think it is a great injustice to those students who are twenty-one," senior Matt Chiorni said. "If you are legal in the eyes of the law, you should not be prohibited from drinking. It is a right you are granted once you turn twenty-one."

Safety awareness week at Wake Forest

Although college campuses seem like a constant safe haven, they are some of the most dangerous places around. For that reason, Wake Forest University is sponsoring Safety Awareness Week through November 16. The purpose of the event is to make students aware of the possible dangers of college life.

Through a collaborative effort between Campus Police, Residential Life and Housing, and the health and exercise science department, Safety Awareness Week will be six days of common sense preventative information. Random campus safety checks will be made most every evening by the campus police in populated areas. Walkways, parking lots and other areas will be targeted.

"When I see people doing things in a safe manner, for example, a group out running together, I'll give away free prizes," Donna Horosko, the Campus Police prevention specialist said. The prizes included a dinner for two off campus and free smoothies donated by ARAMARK will be given out. Anyone who answers all the questions of the campus safety checks will receive a prize.

In conjunction with RLH, residence hall safety checks will be made. "We will go around and the dorm with the least safety infractions, i.e. locked hall room doors, will win a free pizza party donated by Pizza Hut," Horosko. Students will do anything for free food, even act safely.

Cab voucher system proposed at SDSU

Business students at San Diego State University are leading the attack to cut down on drunk driving at their school. The business ethics class at SDSU have drawn up a proposal that would allow students to take a cab and pay later if they found themselves unable to drive and didn't have any money. The proposal is similar to ones already in practice at the University of San Diego and the University of Virginia.

"I think this type of program is needed," Alison Shoemaker, one of the students working on the project, said. "It is partly for class, but when we heard about the program at USD, we thought it was something SDSU could benefit from as well."

The proposal, aimed at cutting back the number of drunk driving arrests and accidents, allows the students to take a cab from anywhere to any location without having to pay for it right then. The student would have to show their ID, with their social security number on it, and sign a voucher promising to pay the fare when billed. If the student defaulted on payment, the SDSU Associated Students would be billed.

"Assuming there are no defaults, this would be a good program," said Associated Students Presidents Guillermo Mayer. "But the A.S. isn't a collection agency. I'm not in favor of it or against it at this point."

Several considerations remain, including whether Associated Students has the funds to pay the fares if students default. There is also an administrative cost to consider. USD reports an administrative cost of $500 per academic year, and that includes the 50 percent reimbursement, which would not be included by SDSU.

WORLD NEWS

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U.S. troops arrive in Africa

KIGALI, Rwanda - The first of up to 4,000 American troops arrived in Rwanda's capital Thursday in advance of a multinational operation to feed and help send home more than one million refugees stranded in Zaire because of the civil war going on there. The humanitarian operation, which is led by the Canadians, will also include troops from France, Britain, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands. The U.N. said seven African countries, including South Africa, will take part. While President Clinton has attached certain conditions to the U.S. troops' involvement, he agreed in principle Wednesday to dispatch a force spearheaded by U.S. Army paratroopers. Among the conditions placed on U.S. participation in the multinational force were that the American troops, totaling 3,000 to 4,000, stay no longer than four months. To minimize the possibility of U.S. casualties, the Clinton administration said American forces would not disarm militants or conduct any type of forced entry. (Associated Press)

Deadliest ever mid-air collision kills 349

NEW DELHI - A language barrier may have caused the collision of a Saudi Arabian jumbo jet and a Kazakh cargo plane. The collision between an ascending Saudi Arabian Airlines 747 and a landing KazAir Ilyushin IL-76 freighter killed everyone aboard both planes, bringing the death toll to 349 and making Tuesday's accident the deadliest mid-air collision in history. Both pilots were told to maintain altitudes that were 1,000 feet apart but something went wrong and the two planes collided and plummeted to the earth in a ball of fire. Indian aviation officials are currently debating whether the accident was the fault of the pilots or the air-traffic control team. As of Wednesday, the most prominent theory for the crash was that one of the pilots could not understand English, the language in which India's air traffic controllers give instructions to pilots. English is the international language of aviation. Little is known about the accident now, but investigators hope that the black boxes from both planes will yield more information. (Reuter)

German firms warned about espionage

DÜSSELDORF, Germany - Germany's top prosecutor has warned companies they must tighten security precautions in the face of industrial espionage from Russia and eastern Europe which is costing them billions of dollars a year. German Federal Prosecutor Kay Nehm said the end of the Cold War had reduced military and political tension between east and west but foreign intelligence services were more active than ever in trying to steal secrets from German companies. Nehm said that the damage done to German industry by espionage cost Germany about eight billion marks ($5.31 billion) annually. He also warned companies that new communications technology has made spying easier than ever. Nehm singled out Russia and eastern Europe as the biggest threat but added the rapidly-growing economies of southeast Asia and communist countries such as North Korea and China were also interested in getting their hands on German know-how. (Reuter)

Anti-Miss World protester dies in flames

BOMBAY - Before anyone could stop him, 24-year-old Suresh Kumar had doused himself in chemicals and lit a match - an hour later he died in a local hospital with burns covering 90% of his body. Kumar, an unemployed tailor and a member of the Marxist-led Democratic Youth Federation of India, was protesting against India staging the Miss World beauty pageant. The pageant which drew 2 billion television viewers last year, is the biggest of its kind, is taking place in India for the first time in the event's 45-year history. Many Indians, however, dislike the pageant and more than 20 organizations have come out against the event, opposing it on grounds ranging from protests against the commercialization of women to the so-called contamination of Indian culture. A women's organization, the Mahila Jagran Samiti (Forum for Awakening Women), has already threatened its members will commit suicide by self-immolation in protest against the show. "We will sneak into the stadium and burn ourselves. We have already bought tickets." Police in Bangalore, where the pageant will be held, responded to the threats of violence by arresting 40 people and by declaring demonstrations of more the 10 people unlawful until the pageant is over. (Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

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Florida shooting verdict causes unrest

ST. PETERSBURG - Small fires burned early Thursday in St. Petersburg, Florida after a night of looting, rock throwing and shooting by rioters angry that a white police officer was cleared in last month's fatal shooting of a black motorist. By morning, the situation was under control, police said. Wednesday evening, mobs had roamed the streets of predominantly black south St. Petersburg, the same area where violence erupted after the October 24 shooting. Rioters set more than 80 fires, attacked passers-by with bottles and chunks of concrete, and fired shots, wounding a police officer in the leg. A helicopter pilot was cut by flying glass when a bullet hit his aircraft. Wednesday night's disturbance came after a grand jury ruled that Officer James Knight, 34, was justified in the fatal shooting of motorist Tyron Lewis, 18, following a routine traffic stop three weeks ago. (Associated Press)

Communist weapons cache uncovered in New York City

BROOKLYN - Social workers following up on an anonymous child-abuse complaint in New York found more than they bargained for when they entered an apartment in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. With the aid of police, they discovered a stash of high-powered automatic weapons and ammunition hidden in a false-backed closet Monday night. The weapons belonged to the Provisional Party of Communists. Federal agents who raided the P.P.C. in 1984 called it a cult. They said the group recruited at private northeast universities, brainwashing young recruits. Although no weapons were found during the 1984 raid, agents claimed the P.P.C. was planning a series of violent attacks in the U.S. (Reuter)

Organ network may change waiting list priorities for alcoholics, hepatitis patients

BOSTON - People suffering chronic liver failure, like that caused by heavy drinking or hepatitis, would no longer be first in line for transplants under a proposal supporters insist is not an attempt to punish drug users and alcoholics. Supporters said they weren't trying to blame alcoholics or intravenous drug users, who often get hepatitis from dirty needles. The idea is to make a patient's chances for survival the top priority in choosing a liver recipient, rather than how close a person is to death. Opponents of the plan say bumping most sick patients from the top of the list would be disastrous. "My prediction is you're going to see a massive increase of patients that are going to die," said one opponent. At the heart of the debate is one stark fact: There aren't enough donated livers. About 7,200 people are on UNOS' waiting list for a liver, the second most common transplant surgery after kidney. Last year, 3,922 liver transplants were performed. Each day, eight to 10 people on the waiting list die before a suitable donor can be found. (Associated Press)

California-based medical marijuana club to offer pot online under Proposition 215

BERKELEY, Calif. - One week after state voters approved the use of marijuana for medical reasons, a group has set up an Internet site with an order form for potential customers. Web browsers can choose from "B grade imported" to "AA grade California green" at the new site of the Berkeley Prescription Cannabis Growers and Buyers Club. "The victory of (Proposition 215) has allowed us to come out of the closet," said Ted Tuk, temporary director of the 10-year-old group. "We've always been an informal group of disabled people helping each other obtain marijuana, but now we can be more out front about it," Tuk said. Proposition 215 legalized the cultivation, possession and use of marijuana for health reasons. It is still illegal to sell or distribute marijuana, and growing it is a federal crime. Tuk's group does not seem to care, but police do. "Along with supplying and selling marijuana, which are felonies, I imagine you could cook up something extra for using the Internet," said Berkeley police Sgt. Michael Stafstrom. The attorney general's office declined to comment on the group's offer, only that the law left things a bit "murky." Tuk, who is prepared to go to jail, said eventually the Web site will only be available to club members who must have a doctor's permission. "I'm really trying to do this in keeping with the proper spirit of Prop 215," he said. The marijuana Web site can be found at http://www.dts.org/BRXCGBC/ (Associated Press)

Wilder addresses Chapel

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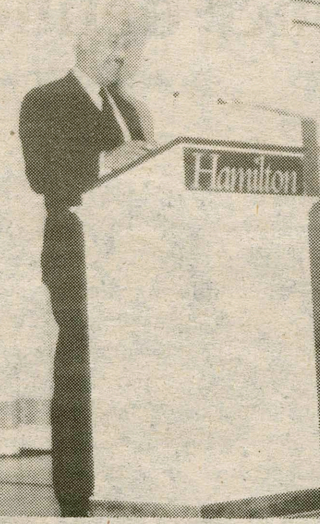
who are were personally interested in politics about how his own political career began. After attending Virginia Union University and Howard University Law School, Wilber established an extremely successful practice as a trial lawyer in Richmond, Virginia. "I would talk about changes I wanted to see take place in our government and people would say to me 'Well, why don't you run for office' as if to appease me," said Wilder, " and then I just did it." Wilder continued on to say: "There were people who did think I could win...and there were people who didn't want me to win." Obviously, the people of Virginia spoke when they elected him as the first African-American Senator in the history of the state in 1969.

Wilder felt as though running for Lieutenant-Governor was the next step in a natural progression of involvement in politics. He launched a grass-roots campaign and visited every town in his native state. Wilder refused to take a large campaign staff. Accompanied by his eldest son and his nephew, Wilder actually stayed on the campaign trail for sixty days. Along the way, Wilder felt honored to spend his nights as a guest of Virginia residents. "Their hospitality was overwhelming," said Wilder, "Each host tried to out do the other, and I never had to stay a single night in a hotel." The people of his state were astounded as many felt that no one had ever come to personally ask them for their vote.

Wilder's time as Governor in Virginia was an incredibly memorable experience. However, he is quick to add that he feels it is important to maintain interests outside of the political realm. Currently Wilder spends his time frequently lecturing and is a teacher at Virginia Commonwealth. Wilder feels very strongly about the education of America's youth. "People have got to know that education is invaluable," stressed Wilder. He addressed the importance of reaching out to the youth of the inner-cities in particular. He feels that they are strongly influenced by either "gang bangers" who offer them money to go to "work" for them, or by sports figures whose images at times promise them unrealistic hopes of being one of the chosen few to also land a multi-million dollar contract. "We have to stress to them that education is intrinsic," said Wilder, "It holds value within itself."

Wilder spoke briefly about the 1996 elections and encouraged people to be weary of partisan squabbles. "Republicans blame the Democrats; Democrats blame the Republicans; and Ross Perot blames them both," teased Wilder. Yet there is much truth in Wilder's jest. Wilder stressed that there is not one single solution or one single candidate that can solve our country's problems. "Things are not any different the day after an election than they were the day before the election," said Wilder. Instead of focusing our attention on what Wilder called "the national scene," he urged listeners "that the real attention must be paid at home, on the local level." That is where small changes can effect a larger whole.



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Former Virginia Senator and Governor Douglas Wilder came to the Hill Wednesday.

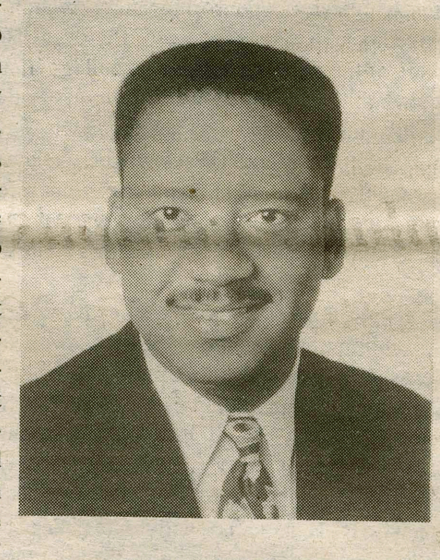
Career Center Alumni Series: Sports agent Mason Ashe '85

By Mara Whalen '99
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

This is the first article in the Career Center Alumni Series. The purpose of this series is to publicly acknowledge the gracious involvement of past Hamiltonians in the lives of present Hamiltonians while also explaining the programs themselves clearly and thoroughly.

"If you need anything or have any other questions, just give me a buzz. I'll be around," and with that he hung up the telephone. As I sat down on the edge of my bed and jotted down a few last notes about my conversation with Mason Ashe '85, I could think of only one way to describe this man and the persona he projects—inspirational.

Mason is by no means an ordinary Hamilton graduate. He came to Hamilton in the fall of 1981 from a New York City high school of over 5000 students. With ever-present humor resonating in his voice, Mason admits he was a stranger to most of his graduating class. "It was crazy," he explained, "To not know the guy standing next to me and to meet him for the first time on graduation day." That irony is exactly why Mason applied to Hamilton through early admission. From the start, he knew Hamilton was where he wanted to spend his college years. "It was a welcoming environment; close knit and comfortable. I trusted the institution would prepare me for success," said Mason.



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Mason Ashe '85.

In fact, he credits his liberal arts education at Hamilton for leading him to his current position as director of Team Sports at International Management Group (IMG) in Washington, DC. Mason graduated from Hamilton with a rich academic experience and two passions—music and basketball. After graduating from law school and a year's work in a law firm, Mason found the perfect way to merge his interests with his skills—he became an entertainment and sports lawyer in North Carolina.

The decision to relocate and target the untapped market for sports and entertainment law proved to be quite a success for Mason. Nevertheless, he yearned to be more influential in the lives of his clients. Three years later, IMG contacted Mason and offered him a position as an agent for national athletes. Naturally he accepted. He is currently representing top football and basketball players, including female basketball players preparing to formulate the first basketball association for women in the US.

What then does Mason point to when asked about his achievements in the sports industry? Quite simply—the lessons he learned at Hamilton and the Career Center. "Right away I set about looking for summer jobs," said Mason jokingly. "In my mother's opinion I couldn't go home at the end of the school year without one. It simply was not an option." His experiences during the summer as well as numerous internships helped Mason develop an extensive network of contacts and connections to people for use down the road.

Mason's positive experience with the Career Center as a student sparked his desire to become involved with its programs as an alumnus. Two years ago, Mason was contacted by a student who wanted some sort of internship at IMG. There was no established internship program, but Mason accepted the student's offer anyway.

That summer proved to be such an enriching experience that Mason contacted Gene Roche, Director of the Career Center, and inquired about establishing a formal internship at IMG for Hamilton students.

At that time, Roche also told Mason about Hamilton's Alumni Career Exploration Program (ACEP) which brings students together with Hamilton alumni, parents, and friends at their places of employment during College breaks and summer vacations to discuss the students' career field of interest. As the saying goes, the rest is history. Mason has since become a remarkable addition to the Career Center's ACEP network, and in the past few years, several Hamilton students have been fortunate enough to spend their summers learning from Mason and his colleagues.

Without a doubt, Mason's involvement with ACEP has been extraordinarily successful, only reiterating the extraordinarily successful qualities this alumnus possesses. Each summer the student interns buzzing around his office are Hamiltonians, and, as part of his staff, they see what sports management is all about.

"My main piece of advice for any Hamilton student is to actively get the necessary credentials for entering a specific career by working within that field prior to graduation," said Mason. "Volunteer your services. Bag groceries at night if you have to, but find the work that's out there and bond with those people you meet."

Mason cannot say enough about the importance of actively pursuing what it is one wants both before and after graduation. "Use the Career Center to your advantage. They will carry you through the process, so don't waste time. Save energy and anguish by talking to people and alumni," he advised.

Jaroszynski's life experience defines what deserves respect

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Andrzej Jaroszynski met with Hamiltonians last weekend.

BRIAN GIACOMETTI

NEWS ANALYSIS

How does a person earn respect? As I walked into the President's office to conduct an interview last Friday, I wondered what was so important about Andrzej Jaroszynski, and his title: Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Poland. The Utica Police escorts outside of the President's office and the mood of Buttrick was unusual for a typical guest reception.

The Deputy Ambassador was visiting Hamilton College, and at the time, talking to President Gene Tobin about unknown topics. In fact, I knew very little about why I was even there, and the importance of this article. I was handed a press release and surrounded by a nervous group of people, waiting for the President's door to open. Yet, when I left I understood what it truly takes to deserve respect in this world.

Before I met him, I was told of the reason he was here and I was prepped on the enormity of the situation. The Foundation for Central European Culture, a newly created Utica group, put on a performance highlighting Renaissance and Baroque period entertainment of Central European culture. The Deputy Ambassador came to Hamilton to watch "The Music and Dance of the Most Serene Republic of Both Nations" in Wellin Hall over the weekend.

When I met him, I decided that he did look like a dignitary. He was tall and spoke almost with a British accent displaying his numerous travels, as I was told by the president of the Foundation. But it was not anything visual that made his position unique, rather it was his history.

Without having it confirmed by anyone, it was quite apparent that he was a former English professor. The Ambassador proofread the press release in my hand and showed his disdain towards careless mistakes. It was a surprising and reassuringly human move, drawn from his roots. He blamed it all on habit. His habits put him in the chair he sits in today.

He wasn't a professor in an average college, but the only private and catholic university in Central Europe—the Catholic University in Lublin. He was granted more freedom in teaching than his colleagues at the other universities which were affiliated with the state. At those institutes of higher learning, as recently as 1989, the curriculum, especially humanities, was designed so nothing contradicted the state. The church, which supported opposition to communism, was not as strict in curriculum control.

This thought was stunning to me for two reasons: usually it seems that the reverse is true, that is the church granting less freedom than the state. Also, the curriculum of Hamilton would be reduced greatly if nothing could contradict the government. We would be mind-washed, not educated.

Jaroszynski supported underground movements to spread the truth, known collectively as Solidarity, through numerous contributions to oppositionary publications. One notable publication titled "Spotkania," translated as "Encounters," was intended to inform people about the truth they couldn't get from the mass media. They encouraged people to "encounter" these problems, instead of covering them up. This movement supported the visit of the Pope to Poland who "woke them up to the power they had," said Jaroszynski. "He showed the people what they could do without the consensus of government."

Revolution? Defying the government? Alerting the public to their power? These were phrases that I read about in history books but never heard first-hand. I began to understand that it wasn't a title that made a man, but a man that made a title.

He talked about the peaceful revolution and change in government. He talked of his shock of the suddenness of the change and his national pride for Poland's readiness for such a change. Members of the "Solidarity" movement became the leaders, and the former professor was asked to represent Poland in the US—a true honor. Many of his colleagues had taken very traditional paths to aspire politically, but in Poland it was the journalists and educators whose words sparked a nation and an era and now would lead a government.

And now he was in Hamilton, not complaining about the weather or the social life, but praising the beauty of the campus and hospitality and concern for Polish affairs by the numerous people he encountered.

He was clear that the performance was something that had never been attempted before. That is, expression of a people who were too restricted to express. He was expecting a sense of dignity and pride to overcome him in Wellin Hall.

The mood would be influenced mainly from two separate sources. The nature of the performance of the music of that period would be a solemnly elegant harmony, much like the nature of the people it would represent. Also, the sense of people who toiled endlessly for this production would show an unexpected view of the Polish community and its heritage — something that was unable to be shown before.

The performance is over and the Utica Police have gone home. But after viewing the intensity in the Ambassador's eyes when he discussed the fall of communism, I understood what passion and drive can accomplish. When WUTR interviewed him for the six o'clock news, and he stumbled over the reason he was in upstate New York, he asked, "This is going to be edited, right?"

Regardless of the answer, I believe Andrzej Jarozynski would have let the interview air, cut or uncut, simply because he lives a life knowing that no matter how crude, no matter how jagged, no matter how heartbreaking—there is nothing more beautiful than the truth.

That is what deserves respect in this world.

ISC plans campus-wide celebration this weekend

By Jeff Michael '97

NEWS STAFF WRITER

After the dawn of a "New Hamilton" with the Residential Life decision, a negative sterotype often associated with Hamilton's private societies is that they have become more exclusive when it comes to who recieves invites to parties. This comes chiefly as a result of the limited number of guests any given society may have due to fire safety restraints in campus social spaces.

In an effort to erase this bogus stereotype as well as provide an open, fun-filled evening for the entire Hamilton community, the Inter-Society Council will be sponsoring a campus-wide party on Saturday, November 16. The event boasts three different locales, each with different music and alcohol. An alcohol service has been hired for the event and, beginning at 6:30 p.m., will be selling bracelets required for entrance into any of the three locations in the Bristol Campus Center.

The prices are $8.00 for those who wish to drink and have proper identification and $2.00 for those who wish to just enjoy the company of their fellow Hamiltonians as well as the good atmosphere this party will surely provide. Both beer and hard alcohol will be served in the Bristol Campus Center and North Court while only beer will be sërved in Bundy.

The evening will begin at 8 p.m. in Bundy Hall, the Hub in the Bristol Campus Center, and North Court. Bundy Hall will open at 8 p.m. and will remain open until 4 a.m. A live band will be on hand, providing entertainment for all those in attendance.

At the Hub, the party will be jumping until 2 a.m. with the jamming sounds of a dee-jay. North Court will be open as well with various types of music. North Court will remain open until 12 a.m. Each of Hamilton's eleven private societies will be assigned to maintain the cleanliness of the social spaces after the parties, but are not required to stay in any one of the three areas.

Gary Bisbee '97, vice-president of the ISC and president of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, said, "Since the societies were forced out of their houses, it has been difficult to have an open social event. The ISC has decided to throw a party for the entire student body to fill this void."

ISC President Christie Gammill '97, who doubles as treasurer of Phi Beta Chi, said, "[The ISC] has been looking for an opportunity to bring the entire spectrum of the Hamilton community together for a smashing good time. Hopefully, this will give some substance to the term 'community' which we loosely throw around here."

Aidan Kavanagh '98, not affiliated with any society at Hamilton, said, "I plan on going. It's a great idea. Having three different social opportunities open to the entire campus is a great idea. Plus it's a great deal. I can stay on campus and spend $8.00 for what I would've otherwise paid $25.00 to $35.00 for downtown."

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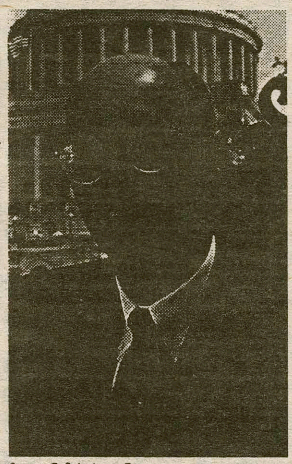

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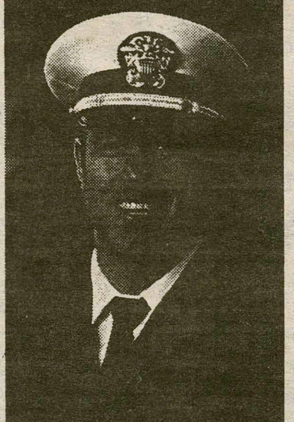

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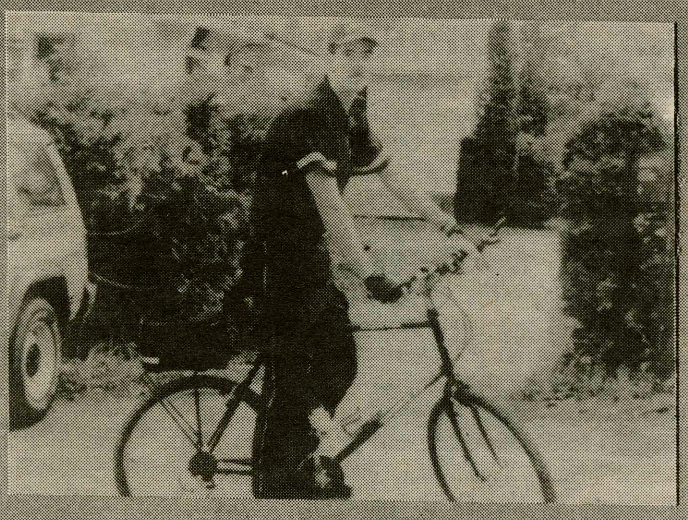

- compiled by Joe Freeman '00

NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.	A stuffed chair was reported stolen from Bienecke Village.
9:00 p.m.	A smoke detector triggered a fire alarm in Babbitt.

NOVEMBER 8

5:50 p.m.	The intruder alarm went off at Alpha Delta Phi.
6:40 p.m.	The intruder alarm was triggered again at Alpha Delta Phi.
10:00 p.m.	Security responded to a harassment complaint at Kirkland.

NOVEMBER 9

2:59 a.m.	A broken smoke detector caused a fire alarm in Dunham.
3:10 a.m.	A smoke detector was ripped down in Dunham.
3:13 a.m.	Security responded to a medical emergency in Dunham.

NOVEMBER 10

12:05 a.m.	The fire alarm system malfunctioned in Carnegie.
12:55 a.m.	Smoke set off a fire alarm in Milbank. The cause of the smoke is unknown.
2:30 a.m.	A larceny was reported in Carnegie.
2:45 a.m.	A larceny was reported in Bristol Campus Center.
2:50 a.m.	Security shut down a loud party in Carnegie.
3:28 a.m.	The fire alarm went off in C-J as a pull station was mysteriously activated.
1:40 p.m.	A malfunction triggered the fire alarm in South.
3:40 p.m.	The fire alarm was pulled in Dunham.

NOVEMBER 11

1:16 a.m.	The fire alarm was pulled in Milbank.
12:00 a.m.	Security investigated vandalism to a suite in Milbank.
9:55 p.m.	A trouble alarm was activated in Milbank.

NOVEMBER 13

9:26 a.m.	The exhaust from maintenance work set off a fire alarm in the Fieldhouse.

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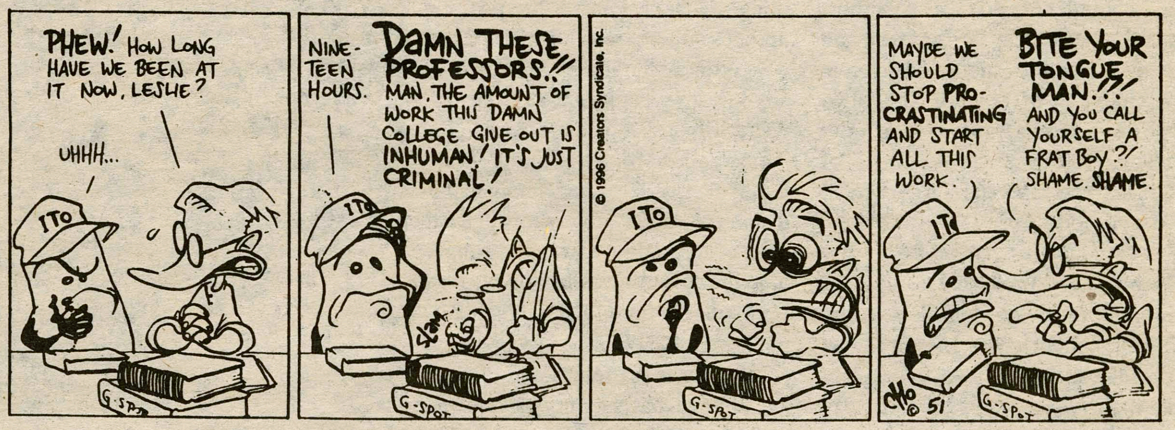

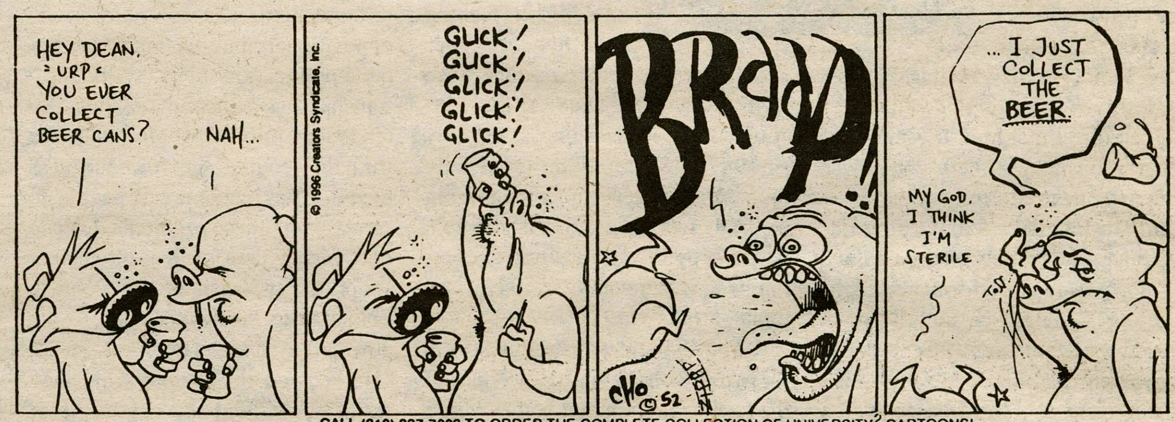

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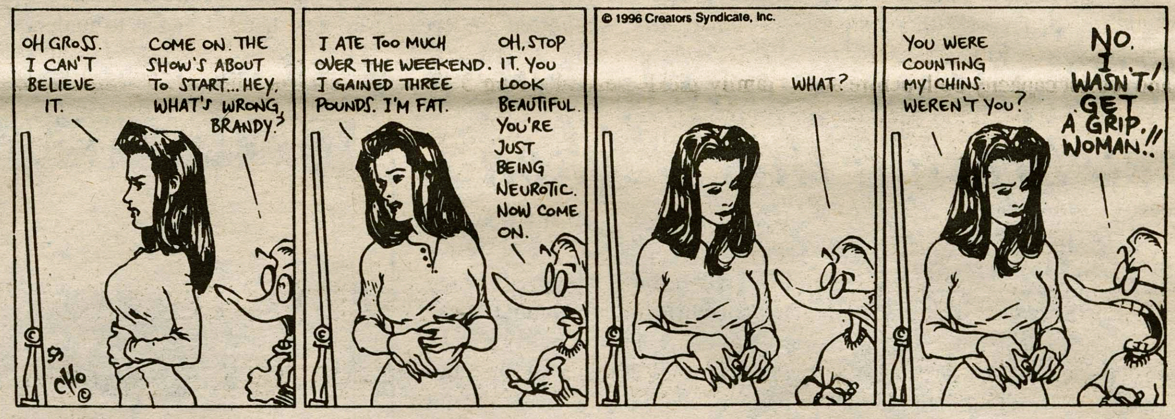

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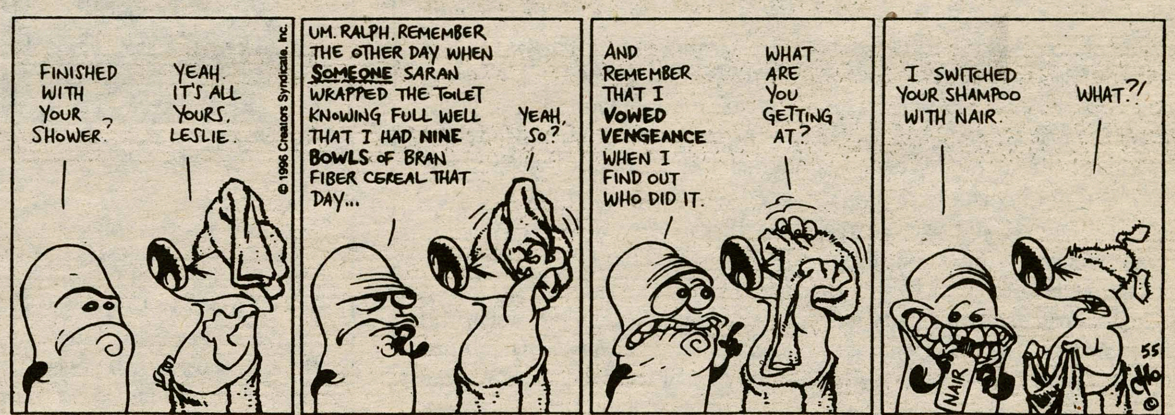

Searching for a meaningful career in Eastern Europe, Part II

Chris O'Conner graduated from Hamilton College in 1985. This article is the second in a two part series detailing his experiences in Lithuania.

Although Poland posts the highest economic growth rate in Europe, the wealth is not being evenly distributed. There were never any classes in socialist Poland, but the savvy speculators who bought the best of the public industries during privatization have become very wealthy very quickly. The majority of ordinary people without such connections need to work longer hours to meet their basic needs. The average salary of $160 a month won't buy you a $40 coffee maker, a $300 TV set, let alone a $4,000 Maluch vehicle unless you sacrifice or work extra hours or extra jobs. For average people market reform has brought nothing but frustration as they see an arrogant class of ugly nouveau riche prosper, while at the same time they are bombarded by opulent symbols of consumerism and have no means to acquire the new goods that are now on the market. Alcoholism and drug abuse in Poland are very high by Western standards and unemployment is still quite high at 13%.

I used my free time during the school holidays to explore the rest of Eastern Europe. The highlight was a month-long excursion through the heart of European Russia alone by backpack from the Baltic to the Black Sea. I had been to Russia several times before in both a professional and tourist capacity both before and after the August 1991 failed coup, but this was the first time I had been able to determine my own agenda and to mix with people freely and without the prejudices of security and professional concerns. My acclimatization in Poland gave me a new perspective for understanding Russia, the nation to which I had devoted virtually all of my academic and professional career studying. I had read hundreds of Russian periodicals, listened to hundreds of radio broadcasts, but nothing can compare with actually being there and interacting.

I had the fortune to meet many people in an unlikely setting — train compartments. Inter-city train travel in Russia is a long and slow adventure but surprisingly efficient when you consider how big Russia is. Any train journey between major cities takes between 8-16 hours and it is quite common for the 4-6 people sharing a train compartment to avoid the boredom of the journey by socializing. I had substantive conversations on almost all conceivable philosophical topics with over 20 people of various ages, social status, education levels and political persuasions during my month-long sojourn. It was a better learning experience than any college or university course could have possibly given me. A highlight came during a train ride to Nizhniy Novgorod. One of my fellow travelers, a former submarine systems designer who now a wholesale distributorship of Russian cosmetics, invited me back to his modest home to meet his family. I spent a three day weekend with his wife and daughter and learned all about the history of Nizhniy Novgorod (Russia's third largest city), as well as helped the family pickle several dozen 3 liter jars of cucumbers.

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Russia, of course, has undergone catastrophic change in the last 5 years and the dynamics, realities and images of this change are even more striking than in Poland. Average salaries in Russia are $80 a month and the prices for food and basic services are virtually the same as in Poland if not somewhat higher. While most Poles can afford to purchase a handful of new stylish clothes, average working class Russians in secondary cities and the outlying provinces have often gone years without buying any new clothes or shoes. Nurses and medical doctors can't survive on the minimum wages offered by public hospitals, which have absolutely no money for any medical supplies, drugs or necessary diagnostic equipment. These talented medical professionals, as well as teachers and academics, supplement their incomes by working as night-time janitors, sales clerks and security guards.

Thanks to its vast resources in oil, natural gas, gold and timber, as well as heavy industry, Russia is exporting several times more than what it imports. The new businessmen involved in exporting these resources in Russia are becoming rich and the disparity between them and working class Russians is astronomical. Market reform has produced some noticeable changes, however — over 60% of the work force now works in the private sector and there is some semblance of a middle class emerging, but it is small.

Most of the people I talked with were deeply disillusioned by the economic hardships that Russia is bearing and will still need to bear in the future. Life expectancy for men in Russia has fallen to 59 years due to vast increases in alcoholism and suicide. Regardless, the general feeling among average people is that the economic situation has reached its nadir and that within a decade Russia will start to approach European levels of prosperity. Virtually everyone felt pessimistic about the possibility of any kind of substantive change in bureaucratic mismanagement, or that there would be a reduction in crime and corruption in the near future. It seems as if everyone has ceased to believe that politics is a solution anymore. Everyone seemed resigned to the fact that to survive they would need to depend on themselves and their own initiative — a unique trait that some Western observers have felt was lacking among Russians after generations of stifling socialism. Although I had expected a great deal of apathy, I was surprised by the level of long-term optimism.

So, what can Americans do to help play a role in Russia and Eastern Europe during these trying times? Approximately 20,000 Americans have come here since 1989 to start careers, study, or do extensive traveling. Several hundred Peace Corps volunteers have made a tremendous impact here despite some often difficult circumstances. A handful of Americans has also come here motivated by making a quick profit, to take advantage of the booming sex industry here or to find Eastern European brides. But most Americans come here with generally noble intentions.

Most casual visitors and tourists come to Russia and Eastern Europe and are quickly discouraged by the difficulties of living and working here, trying to communicate and accepting a standard of living that is notably less comfortable than that back home. Only a handful of Americans have come here, been able to break the language barrier, learn native languages in the region and build meaningful careers here.

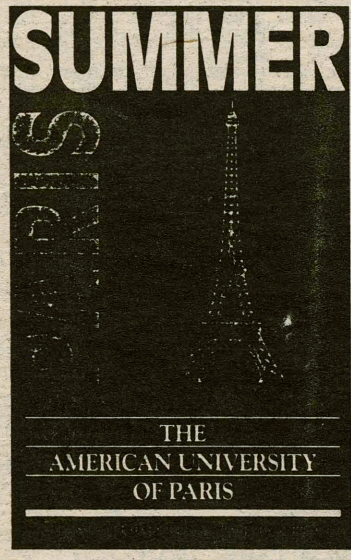
As my WorldTeach assignment was nearing its end, I was faced with yet another crisis — what to do next. I could have extended and become a full-time teacher in my town in Poland. I had become near fluent in Polish, made many lasting friendships and had, indeed, found romance that I had thought would never be possible again. I may yet return to Poland in the future, but for the moment I felt that I had an idea worth pursuing and for redirecting WorldTeach towards a new mission. Poland, like Hungary and the Czech Republic, has already made the hard progress towards economic reform. It's success is no longer in doubt. Plus, Poland can and will meet its internal demand for English language teachers as soon as the Polish government decides to pay its teachers more attractive wages.

Russia and Ukraine are still difficult places to succeed for anyone who does not have several years of language experience or, conversely, a lot of tolerance and patience. Also, Russia is far too populous, too vast and too difficult for a non-profit organization to work in and have any meaningful sizable impact.

During my travels through the Baltics I had read an editorial in a Russian language edition of a major Lithuanian newspaper that the lack of English teachers in Lithuanian schools was a national disgrace. Lithuania seemed from a purely logical standpoint an ideal place for me to pursue an expansion project. Lithuania is the most populous and the poorest of the three Baltic republics, but notably more stable than Russia. Average salaries here are about $120 a month. Unlike Latvia and Estonia it has no serious internal political problems with its Russian and Polish minorities. I made some preliminary inquires to the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and the US Peace Corps. The Ministry of Education claimed that they needed 500 English teachers. The Peace Corps, which only assigns 12-15 teacher volunteers per year, was very upbeat about its volunteers and welcomed any other organizations to participate in bringing English teachers to Lithuania's 400 schools. I proposed the expansion to WorldTeach and they approved the program in May 1996. Within two months I had an office/apartment in Vilnius, one of the most scenic cities in all of Europe. I visited 10 prospective schools throughout Lithuania during the next month looking for the right environment for future WorldTeach volunteers.

My first group of three very brave WorldTeach volunteers came in August. We put them up in a scenic but modest bed & breakfast in old town Vilnius and gave them three weeks of Lithuanian language training, practice teacher training at a Lithuanian high school and lots of lectures in ESL methodology. We even had a free weekend to explore the Lithuanian coast and the dunes of the resort town of Nyda. At the end of August I sent my three volunteers off to hand-picked schools that I thought would offer them a challenge, but also offer them a safe and rewarding experience. We are one month into the program and already I can see that my expectations have been and will be fulfilled. Now, all I need is several dozen more American teachers to continue the process.

WorldTeach, a non-profit, non-religious, non-government organization is run by the Harvard Institute of International Development in Cambridge, Massachusetts. WorldTeach has programs in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Namibia, South Africa, Poland, Lithuania, China, Thailand, and Vietnam. Volunteers come from all states, ages and backgrounds but are predominantly recent college graduates. For more information contact WorldTeach directly at 1-800-483-2240 or on the Internet at http://www.igc.org/worldteach



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Café del Buono a no go?

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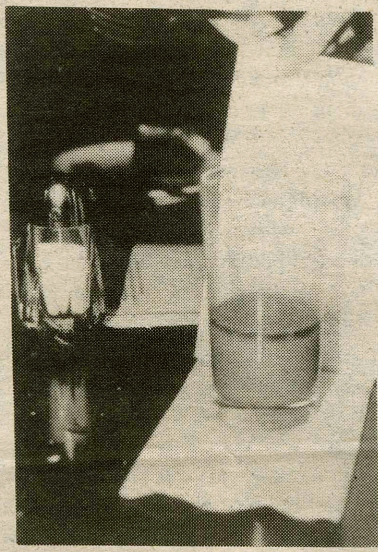
Features Writers

After this past week's experience at **Cafe del Buono** we have realized that as critics we cannot always agree on the same things and therefore we should accept our differences in the world of food appreciation. On that note, let me just say that this past Tuesday night at Cafe del Buono was uncharacteristic of my past experiences there.

This small, unassuming roadside cafe and bar combo is located on Commercial Drive past the Sangertown Mall. You won't miss it due to the huge flashing arrow that directs you to the parking lot. Upon entering you'll notice the dark lighting and the musky smell that overruns the front section, which is the bar. The odor later changes to a fried food stench as you move into the restaurant. The two sections are separated by a wooden partition and faux hanging flowers. Becca was not at all impressed by the flashing beer signs in the windows; however, they were representative of the happening bar. Aside from that, the decor was basic; everything was fairly dark and brown, including the tables, chairs, walls, and carpet. I felt like I was in a pizzeria. The tables were small and the chairs uncomfortable. Besides the decoration, the atmosphere was fairly good. The clientele was casual, ranging from couples to larger groups, as well as bar hoppers. The music varied from classic eighties like "Africa" by Toto to less-desirable sounds such as Wilson Phillips. The bar was also equipped with two arcade games and a cigarette machine. Cafe del Buono is very multi-faceted in its environment as well as its food.



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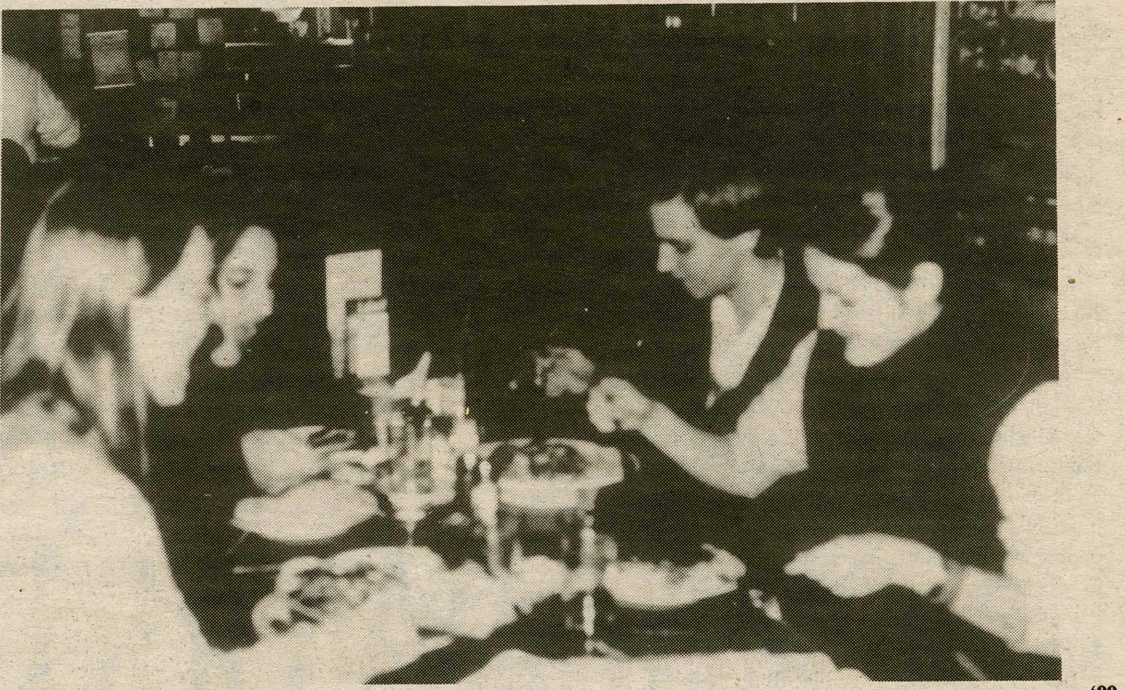
The suspect Pasta del Buono came complete with extra oil and unidentifable liquids, shown here in a twelve ounce glass.

The waitress came immediately to offer us drinks but after that didn't return for quite sometime. She wasn't especially friendly but she was helpful about asking the chef for special orders. The menu is difficult because some dishes are cheap while others are definitely over priced. For example, the spaghetti and salad costs $3.50 while the Pasta del Buono costs $8.95. That is quite a price range considering what you are getting is not much of an increase in terms of volume or quantity. The prices for the chicken started at $9.95 to $11.95, while the steak and veal prices went as high as $14.95. Although none of us tried it, I've been told that the Lemon Chicken is very good. With that in mind, pasta was the choice of the evening with an extensive set of options including several specials which change nightly.



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The food and ambiance at Cafe del Buono are full of surprises.

We started off with a series of appetizers which were good but similar to the choices at the Hamilton diner. For example: salad, soup, fries, mozzarella sticks, etc. As a group we ordered the Grump Special, a platter with fried cauliflower and mushrooms, mozzarella sticks, wings, and chicken fingers. It was cool because they were happy to replace certain items with other options. It was also nice to be able to order a sampler. We also ordered one of the specials, Pesto garlic cheese bread, which was okay. Some of us liked it, some didn't. Becca thought it was good because it was surprisingly not greasy, one of her food fears. Catherine Smith, a guest critic this week, thought that the bread had the consistency of a hot dog bun. The regular bread that they gave us was very good because it was warm and fresh and they gave us a very generous amount without having to ask for it. None of us ordered salad because one came with all of our meals but they are basically the only vegetarian items on the menu.

I ordered the Spaghetti and Salad, which from past experience has been very simple and good. However this was not the case this time. There was too much spaghetti to fit on the plate and there was all sorts of excess liquid. The combination caused me to spill it all over myself each time I attempted to take control of my meal. It was a mess and I had to switch it to a larger plate. Ritu Monga, the meals photographer, also ordered this and didn't really like it. William Kinsella, once again a guest critic, ordered the Pasta del Buono and was not impressed either. The presentation was very nice but the flavor left something to be desired. This dish consisted of capellini topped with peppers, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, garlic, and anchovies as well as almost a coffee cup full of extra oil and unidentifiable liquid. We later poured the juice into a clear cup where we observed the separations of the different densities of liquids. This dish was not intended to come with any sauce so this was all a little strange. The juices formed three different layers in the glass, none of which we could really identify. Words to live by: if you can't name it, don't eat it. Catherine ordered a special, baked rigatoni, which was overcooked. Becca, surprisingly enough, did like her pasta which she specially ordered: simple spaghetti with garlic and onions.

Because everyone was so far quite disappointed with my restaurant selection I was hoping that the dessert would make up for the disappointing entrees. The dessert options are quite varied and very good. Catherine and I ordered a favorite of mine Reeces peanut butter pie. It was really good but clearly not made anywhere near Cafe del Buono. Fair enough, but it was still good. Ritu ordered a chocolate sundae which was very good and a generous portion.

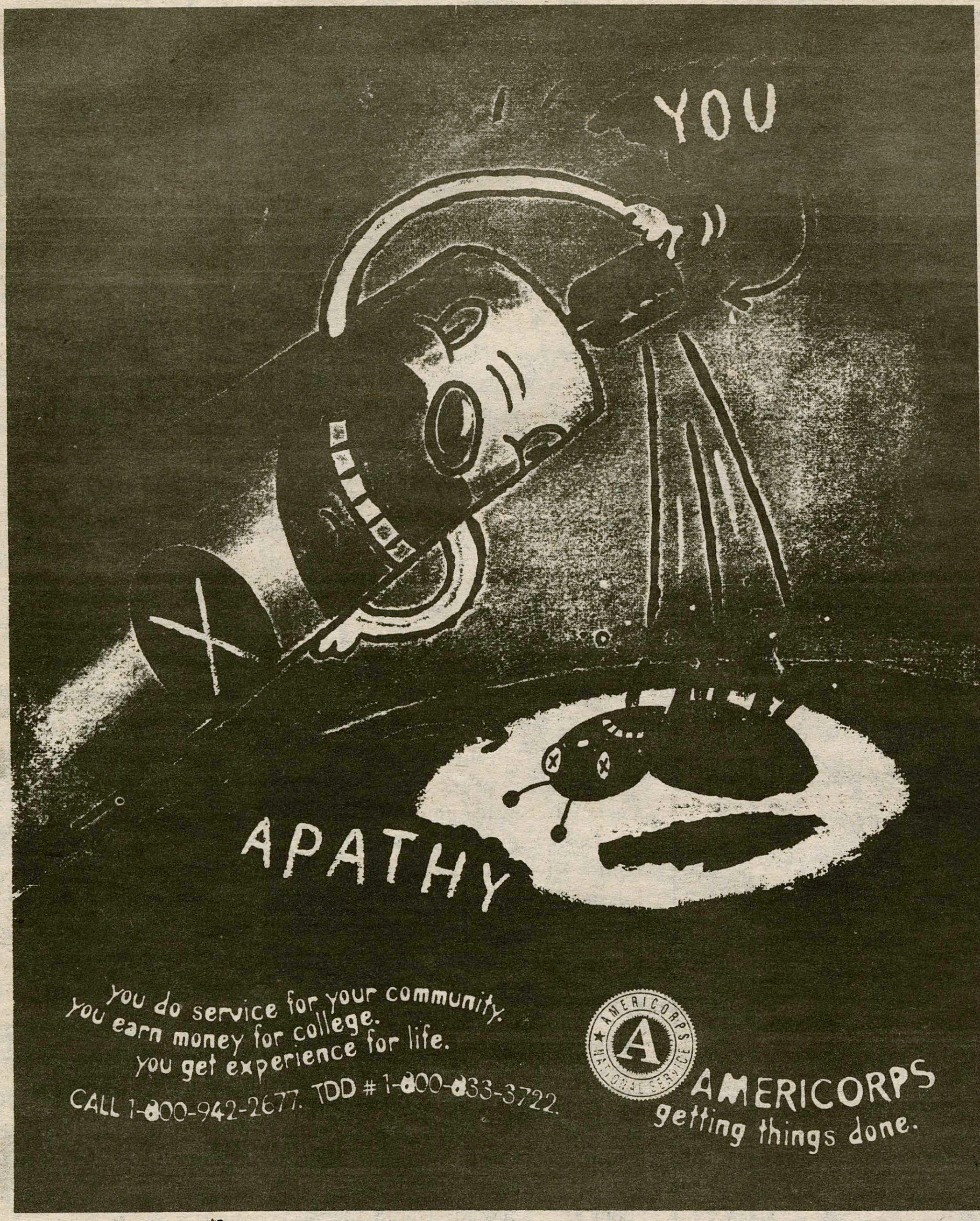
I am not sure how to conclude our experience at Cafe del Buono because it went against all of my previous encounters and expectations. The service was slow, we made it out alive almost two hours later, and the food was okay.

Perhaps I had built up everyone's expectations too high because Becca disliked this place from the minute we walked in, but I still believe that redemption can be found in the future. Everyone has their off days.

CAFE DEL BUENO
COMMERCIAL DRIVE, NEW HARTFORD

Appetizers:	Grump Special est: $6.25
Entrees:	Spaghetti & Salad, Pasta del Bueno, Strip Steak est: $3.50-$14.95
Desserts:	Heath Bar Cheese Cake, Reeses Peanut Butter Pie est: $3.25
Ambiance:	Casual, comfortable, dark
Service:	Okay
Overall:	✔✔ 1/2

Key: ✔✔✔✔✔: Well done, ✔✔✔✔: Medium well, ✔✔✔: Medium rare, ✔✔: Rare, ✔: Raw



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Diwali: The Festival of Lights

BY CLARA MCAULEY '00
FEATURES WRITER

Contrary to the popular belief Diwali, held this past weekend in the Events Barn here on campus, is not the Indian New Year. Diwali is actually the "Festival of Lights," held annually to commemorate a tradition that has taken place for centuries in India. The tradition began when an Indian god that was exiled returned after fourteen years. The people rejoiced and the ceremonies that took place are reenacted, with some variation, when believers recreate the occasion.

Since it is the festival of lights, candles are present in the usual custom and the prayer service that occurs. However, Hamilton participants and friends used electric lights to abide by the fire regulations of the school. In addition to candles, fireworks are also used to symbolize both the celebration of lights and for another very important purpose.

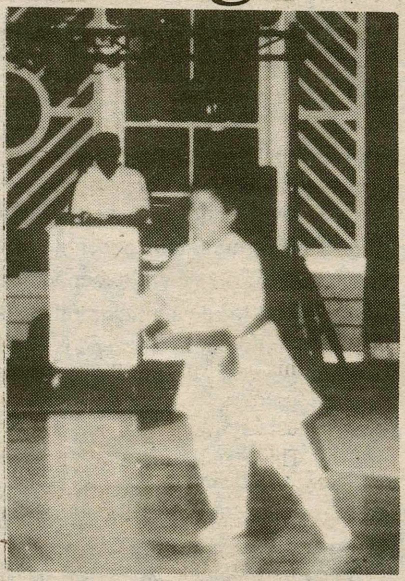
In addition, the lights, in the forms of candles and fireworks, are used as guides for the goddess to find the homes of the believers and bestow them with wealth and well-being. The Hindus believe that the candles are to be burned all night to represent the hope that they have in the goddess. The fireworks light the way from heaven to the individual homes.

It is believed that the goddess of wealth and well-being will visit the homes of Hindus around this time of year. Therefore, many people do much of their "spring-cleaning" around this time to prepare their homes for the spirit that is to arrive in their dwellings. There is a prayer service held in the home and there is also a service in the temple. It is customary that the participants do not wear shoes, as it is part of the Hindu culture that the cow is worshipped, and the leather from shoes goes against that tradition.

Here at Hamilton, Diwali celebration began with a large prayer service. Since it is a very family oriented occasion, people gathered from other places in the area to join in the festivities. There were children from New York City that came to provide entertainment for the group in the form of traditional Diwali dances. Traditional folk dances from the northern parts of India were taught to the audience.

There was also a d.j. that came up from the city to mix some tunes for the occasion. He blended a combination of Western influenced techno and traditional Indian folk music for the festivities. Refreshments were provided in the forms of simosa and paquara.

The overall experience was alot of fun for all those who participated. Hopefully the incorrect publicity that it originally received will be given some redemption with this attempt at informing the Hamilton community about the Hindu "Festival of Lights."



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Dancing at Diwali.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99
A Guayan girl performes Kathakali, a classical Indian dance.

PHOTO BY R. TU MONGA '99
Everybody say "balé balé": The basics of the Bhangra

EDITORIAL

Multicultural success

Hamilton has found, like most schools of similar geographic location, price and purpose, if it is going to be a diverse place, it must fervently seek out diversity.

Is diversity important? Hamilton seems to think so and has made a serious commitment to recruit the most qualified multicultural students from around the country. In fact, Hamilton flew several high school students to Hamilton for its multicultural weekend.

Multicultural weekend is another example of this commitment. In two days last weekend, top multicultural students came to Hamilton and saw a flurry of multicultural social events. There was a Indian New Year celebration on Friday. On Saturday, there was a Polish music and dance concert in Wellin while the New Nile Orchestra performed in the Barn. Later the same night there was a multicultural dance party in Bundy. A totally realistic portrayal of Hamilton College on a weekend? Maybe not, but it signals to these multicultural students that Hamilton is dedicated to making the College a multicultural environment. It is Hamilton's job to prepare its students to be students of the world, and as President Tobin put it, "The world is a multicultural world."

The problem with these techniques of recruiting multicultural students is that from the beginning, multicultural students get the feeling they are separate from other Hamilton students. Obviously Multicultural Weekend does not create separation, but in a way it contributes to an idea that there are Hamilton students, and there are multicultural students. Integration of multicultural students is already difficult at Hamilton, one wonders whether things like multicultural weekend perpetuate polarized relations.

Unfortunately, for a school like Hamilton to become diverse in today's college admission process means that it must take initiative in recruitment of multicultural students. There is a sacrifice, but the means are justified because diversity is important.

If one were to ask a Hamilton student, "Is diversity important?" the answer would most likely be, "yes." However, that same student might have a difficult time answering *why*.

There is purpose behind diversity. That purpose is worth sacrificing extensive resources. The engineers of Hamilton often concern themselves with things that benefit the community as a whole, rather than elevating the individual. Bringing diversity to Hamilton does both.

With diversity comes an ability to extend and reflect on ourselves in different contexts. One does not "Know Thyself" without exploring new territory. Diversity is a new concept, but it fits with the traditional ideas of what a Hamilton education is all about.

Diversity should be sought after at Hamilton.

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LETTERS TO•THE•EDITOR

Res-life director responds to editorial

To the Editor,

Needless to say, I was disappointed to read last week's editorial, Costly and Contrived Leadership. Given all of the events that occurred in the world, in the country, and on our campus last week, I found it odd that *The Spectator* staff chose, as its most interesting and compelling commentary, to bash RA's and RA Appreciation Day. I was also disappointed with the misinformation presented in the editorial.

> **"...many students have felt that their RA position was one of the most beneficial experiences at Hamilton, one that prepared them for the challenges of life off the Hill."**

RA Appreciation day was designed to provide our 49 Resident Advisors and 2 Residential Managers, whose work often goes unnoticed and unappreciated, positive recognition for the many hours of hard work, time, and expertise required to build Hamilton's residential community. RA's serve as an important resource to all students throughout the year. The intense and on-going training RA's receive each year allows them to handle tough situations that students deal with (sexual assault, eating disorders, depression, loss, difficult roommate/floor conflicts and academic problems). Yes, these problems do happen here. And no, students cannot always handle situations all by themselves. Much like the "real world," where counseling, support groups, and legal help is available, RA's serve to connect students with appropriate resources here on campus.

More importantly, RA's help students get to know each other at the beginning of the year, help students understand and appreciate their values and those around them, and provide valuable feedback for those of us who work closely with students on a day-to-day basis. RA's provide numerous social and educational programs to the campus throughout the year. (Each RA is required to provide 4 social and 4 educational programs each year, not 2 as indicated in the editorial.) RA's must deal with limit setting and confrontation, a role few on campus desire, in order to ensure a safer and more civil community. RA's are also the first ones to arrive on campus and the last to leave each semester and must deal with administrivia that no one else wants to bother with - conducting health and safety inspections, room inventories, maintenance requests, posting fliers,... etc., making life a little easier and safer for everyone.

In return, RA's are given a partial room credit worth $2650 each year, not $4000 as implied in last week's editorial. This amounts to a salary of $10.51 a day.

Granted, not all students "need" an RA. It is our hope that as students become more connected on campus, and more responsible, they will be able to build their own support networks. However, there are times when upperclass students do need additional support, information, or services that RA's provide. Ask any RA with upperclass advisees and you'll find that much more work is done than meets the eye.

I have had the good fortune of working with over 400 talented and caring RA's during my time at Hamilton. In my conversations with many of these graduates, I have yet to find someone who felt that their work here at Hamilton was contrived or illegitimate. On the contrary, many students have felt that their RA position was one of the most beneficial experiences at Hamilton, one that prepared them for the challenges of life off the Hill.

We rely on *The Spectator* to provide honest and accurate information. I would hope that future editorials would display these characteristics. We also rely on *The Spectator* to capture the voice and pulse of this campus. Since the concern raised in last week's editorial has not been raised in the recent RA evaluations, nor in conversations with the staff, I encourage students with these similar concerns to please stop by and see us. I again commend the Hamilton RA staff for work that often goes unrecognized or unappreciated, as displayed in last week's editorial.

Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz
Director of Residential Life

LETTERS TO•THE•EDITOR

Marcher 'dissillusioned' with campus response

To the Editor:

I am feeling very disillusioned as I write this letter. I wrote into the Spectator last year, after I went to the Take Back the Night Rally and Speak-out, sponsored by the Womyn's Center. I wrote in because I was bothered by the negative response from a large number of the student body. People said, "Rape doesn't happen here." As we marched across campus, obscenities were screamed at us: "F*ck you. GO HOME." I thought that by writing in to *The Spectator*, I could explain to people where their misconceptions lie. I believed that by telling people I had heard women cry as they described how they were raped or assaulted at Hamilton and elsewhere, I could change their attitudes. I naively thought that this year, it would be better and that our student population would have matured after last year's experiences. I was wrong. We were screamed at, laughed at, and demeaned by our peers.

But I have not given up. I will not allow the people who screamed those same obscenities as we marched across campus Monday, November 11th to silence my voice. The myth that rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment do not happen here is kept alive by the people who were screaming. I wish that every person who screamed at the men and women marching, every person who uttered a demeaning comment, could understand that it is their apathy and ignorance which silences the women who are raped. Women are terrified to tell their stories because of the hatred which is found on this campus, which is promoted by each of you who screamed Monday night.

> "I wish that every person who screamed at the men and women marching...could understand that it is their apathy and ignorance which silences the women who are raped."

At some point in their life, one out of every four women will be the victim of sexual assault, or rape; this is a statistic too real to ignore. I know that people are thinking as they read this article that the statistic can't be true, because it has not happened to any of their friends. Are you so sure about that? If one in every four women is raped or assaulted in their lifetime, then approximately two hundred women on THIS campus are survivors of this horrific tragedy. I was shocked last night to see people whom I know, whom I care about, stand up and tell their stories. I am willing to bet that many of you would be shocked by the realization that you, too, have friends who spoke out, or were too scared to come last night.

I don't understand. We complain vehemently when our cars and dorms are broken into. We are outraged by the boulders which are placed in our paths and the idea that we might not get enough credit at the diner. Why aren't we screaming from the Chapel about the rapes that have occurred? Why aren't we pounding on the doors of every student as we take a stand against rape?

What are we, as a community, going to do about this? Are we going to wait until it happens to our mothers, wives, daughters, female friends? I am not willing to wait. We can no longer ignore the pleas of our fellow students. Rape happens here at Hamilton, please use your voice to speak out against it.

Sarah Knapp '99

Another marcher speaks out

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter only a few hours after I participated in the Take Back the Night march (11/11/96) and the speakout which followed it. Adjectives cannot adequately describe how I am feeling now. Terrified and mind-shattered come to mind but they aren't really fitting or adequate. It's been a LONG time since I've cried. I can't even remember when the last time was, but I did cry at the end of the events tonight. For about two hours I listened to women and men tell how they or their close friends or relatives have been sexually assaulted, beaten, and/or raped by strangers, acquaintances, friends, and yes, family. For over two hours I listened. Two hours. I tried to keep track of the stories at first, but there were just too many. The stories were like a never-ending, engulfing tide. And these stories came from people of widely varied backgrounds: rich and poor, black, white, and latino, Greek and non-Greek, RA's. Close friends of mine revealed the hidden scars they carry within themselves, as did people who I've only met in passing or never met before. The frightening thing is that these stories were told only from the group of people in the Barn, only from a few who felt the strength to speak out. Some of the attacks happened before they came to Hamilton while many, many, TOO MANY happened HERE.

The statistic of one reported rape here last year is cruelly misleading. Studies show that 25 percent of college women have experienced at least the legal definition of sexual assault. That's equals out to be about 200-250 women on this campus. Believe it or not, we ALL know people here who have been raped or otherwise sexually assaulted. In her lifetime, a woman has as great a chance of getting raped as she does of having a divorce. Ms. Corbin's letter is only the tip of the iceberg of assault and harassment cases that happen weekly on this campus. How much longer will we keep this horror hidden, unspeakable?

What really disturbs me are the reactions people have to the idea of talking about this problem on campus: those who flicked off, laughed, and shouted obscenities at the marchers Monday, the attitude of those who don't believe that their assaulting actions are wrong, and last but not least, the general attitude on campus of why bother fighting, it's not worth it.

How can speaking out and fighting back not be worth it? Do we want our friends, our sisters, our future daughters to suffer the painful experience of rape that sears a soul forever? Too many women and men have had their lives changed forever by a single, devastating act.

Those who have experienced assault or harassment, please speak out. The campus needs to hear the hidden, ugly truth. People need to realize that ANY harassment or assault is wrong. Only through a show of unity can change be brought about. My God, how long can it last?

Paul Damaske '99

Counselor defends Resident Advisors

To the Editor:

One of the most unpleasant aspects of the culture of Hamilton College is the tendency of members of the community to chew up and spit out its own. We are too often likely to criticize quickly and easily with or without accuracy, and unlikely to offer praise and support to those that are deserving. I was warned this about Hamilton when I arrived just over ten years ago, and find the description no less accurate today. It is a tendency that is demoralizing and hurtful to those targeted, but also destructive and inhibiting to those who expend great energy in valuable endeavors. The community as a whole is poorer for it.

It is with renewed disappointment that I respond to the most recent example of this destructive community tendency manifested by last week's editorial suggesting that the RA's have no significant function on the campus. As the director of the Counseling and Psychological Services, I feel privileged to have worked with the Residence Life staff throughout the years and am personally aware of the many students that have directly benefited from their wisdom, leadership, good judgment, energy, time, and effort. The College asks a great deal from these campus leaders, and many, many students have reaped the rewards of having well-trained, committed, caring, and talented individuals in the position of RA.

I'm sorry that those responsible for last week's editorial were not aware of this, and did not take the trouble to find out.

Bob Kazin, Ph.D., Director, Counseling and Psychological Services

Bookstore clerk addresses proposed calendar change

To the Editor,

In response to the article of November 8th concerning the faculty meeting agenda, I feel that the statement "as it is now, the faculty and students operate without the support systems of the College since most take the days off as holidays" is incorrect.

The bookstore was open the Sunday before Labor Day, all day Labor Day, and far into the evening after classes had ended, as it has been on many previous holidays.

There are many staff people who work Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer in support of the CTY program. Where are the faculty? These staff people are working these hours beyond their normal work week. There are staff people who have to give up their Saturdays through the school year.

The entire staff has to work Christmas break, spring break, and all the other breaks enjoyed by the faculty and students. So when the faculty imply that they and the students are the only people who work on a holiday, they are wrong! They should look around.

Don't get me wrong, I hope the faculty win this one, then everyone at Hamilton will have a holiday when a holiday is on the calendar.

I understand that the academic calendar is set up by the faculty. Hopefully they will plan a little more carefully in the future and not schedule classes on holidays.

Graduation 1997 is Memorial Day weekend, will the faculty be working?? The staff will be!

Barbara Cowles
Cashier, College Bookstore

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OUTDOOR • GRADUATION

COURTNEY STUDEMANN

Imagine...at last, it is the moment you have been waiting for...graduation day....the snow has finally melted and the sun is shining. BUT WAIT... you are stuck inside in the stuffy Fieldhouse! Is this what *YOU* want?

The class of 1997 is not the first class to try to persuade the administration to approve and support an outdoor graduation. We are part of a long line of students that has wanted an outdoor ceremony. Let me start by giving you, the student body, a brief outline of what the outdoor graduation committee is trying to achieve. We represent the wants and needs of a majority of the senior class and the student body. Through petitions circulated, it is apparent that the student body strongly supports the idea of an outdoor graduation. Most of us wonder why the Hamilton administration neither cares what the student body wants, nor grants our wishes?

The outdoor graduation committee is striving to achieve a dignified outdoor ceremony which would not only satisfy the class of 1997, but would also benefit administration and subsequent senior classes. The committee does not expect the College to jump at our every wish. However, we are hoping to establish a ceremony that would benefit Hamilton College entirely.

The first assumption of many people is that the ceremony will cost too much. However, I have spoken with the administration and have found that this is NOT the case. The administration has told me that the necessary finances would be readily available. So why can't we have the ceremony outside? The administration has its reasons. I have solutions.

The administration worries that there will be a lack of dignity at an outdoor graduation. For example, they fear that dogs will roam upon the stage and beach balls will be thrown amongst the students. However, the outdoor graduation committee believes that the beauty of the Hamilton campus will only enhance the dignity of graduation. Furthermore, spectators will not feel so much as if they are at a basketball game, as they will feel like they are at a prestigious and dignified ceremony.

There are two solutions to the problems of sun and heat....tents and water coolers!

Wheelchair access can be obtained by laying tarps on the football field and allowing the elderly to sit on the top level of the bleachers. The bleachers are beneficial since they are accessible by means of the track and they are situated in a shady area.

Now for the biggest complaint of all....the over-worked physical plant members. I understand that physical plant is taxed enormously at the end of the year. However, the senior class has offered to provide crews to help with the set-up and breakdown of the outdoor graduation. The senior class does not expect physical plant to do it *all* for us. Rather, the senior class will need to be dedicated, cooperative, and unified in exercising and achieving its goal.

An outdoor graduation can succeed with class and dignity. It can be a far better experience than an indoor graduation. After all, when Hamilton does something, it does it first class. An outdoor graduation would not be any different.

DAN McALLISTER

Ah, the college graduation. The many future graduates line up in their caps and gowns, nervously awaiting the moment when they will receive their degree, the result of four years of hard work, their ticket to success, the true sign that the adult world has finally arrived. It is late May or early June and the day is beautiful. The sun is shining, but not bright enough to bother anyone. Temperatures are in the low 70's and the sky is full of puffy, sensuous cumulus clouds.

Clearly, this utopian picture of outdoor graduations exists in the minds of many students here at Hamilton. The sad reality, however, is that it rarely exists in actuality. During the time of year when Hamilton's graduation takes place, the weather in upstate New York is quite bad. In fact, it rains over 50 percent of the time. In order to prepare for this high chance of rain, Hamilton's physical plant must prepare dual facilities, one indoor and one outdoor. This is highly taxing to the physical plant staff, not to mention quite costly. Is it really worth the added cost and work for an event with a far less than 50 percent chance of success.

Besides the weather, outdoor graduation presents a few more problems. Because of the unpredictable nature of the great outdoors, there are several other factors one must deal with when planning an outdoor graduation. There are many unpredictable things that can detract from the dignity of the ceremonies, such as loud airplanes, plate tectonics, stray dogs and bird droppings.

Second, unlike the Fieldhouse, the football field bleachers are not handicapped-accessible, so many guests would be excluded from the ceremonies if they were held outside. If they could attend, it would be with immense difficulty. The Fieldhouse can be easily utilized by the physically disabled because it is level with the ground and, more importantly, it can be easily accessed by automobile.

Finally, even if the sun is shining, many people are bothered by the blazing heat and light of this fine celestial body and will therefore have trouble enjoying the ceremony. To many guests, particularly the elderly, the sun even presents a threat to their health with such problems as sun stroke and skin cancer. The shady areas are extremely limited and would fill up fast, leaving the majority of the guests baking under a hot sun.

Last year, Hamilton College granted an honorary degree to the Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents, who remarked afterwards that Hamilton's Commencement ceremony was one of the most dignified he had ever witnessed. Would he have said the same thing if there had been drenching rain, stray dogs defecating on the stage and wheelchair bound guests rolling down the bleachers to an untimely death?

The fact is, an outdoor graduation, while being far more costly than an indoor graduation, is also completely unfeasible. There are just too many insurmountable obstacles that we face. It is best that we all get used to graduation in the dimly lit, drab Fieldhouse and leave the visions of sunny, warm outdoor graduations in our imaginations where they belong.

VOICE BOX

Why is diversity important?

George Zaleski '98

"It brings together different ideas and different lifestyles."

Lisa Fairly '99

"It keeps minds open to all ways of life and beliefs."

Josh Stahl '97

"It is the only way you really grow."

Cornelius Partsch, Professor of German

"In my view the importance of diversity is the willingness to admit all viewpoints."

SOCRATES LAUGHS

Language and power: a look at language's ability to influence culture

Are you glad that you are in a liberal arts college?

I am, because a liberal arts education allows me to look at the same thing from various perspectives. A key point is that all perspectives intersect each other, so that I do not have to be a divided person. One approach has something to say to another. Intersections of perspectives are for self-reflection, self-criticism, and, most importantly, the place of communication. Intersections must be found not only in oneself but also among many people with different perspectives.

But do we, scholars of academic institutions, communicate with each other? Do we respect each other's perspective and try to reflect on our fields of study? Being in an academic institution with the modern division of disciplines, I feel that we rarely communicate across the border of the disciplines. Yet the world today appears to be complex, and it requires us to have multiple perspectives, meaning it demands communication.

The Laughs of Socrates started with an intention to promote such communication on the Hill. Therefore, each of you is the necessary maker of this section. Even if you think there is no connection between a discussion and your interest, there could be a subtle one. No, it is you who make the connection.

These days, our topic is language and communication. Last week, Thomas gave us a great introduction. Language is a medium of communication, but maybe not neutral. Language carries some mind frameworks; a particular language forces you to describe reality in a certain mode.

As a language has power to construct people's knowledge in a certain way, it is no strange event that there is a struggle over power around language construction. Here is an article from Professor Katherine Doran on feminism and the politics of language.

A riddle: A boy and his father were driving when suddenly a large truck hit them head-on. The car was crushed and the father was killed in the wreck. The son, badly injured but still alive, was rushed to the hospital, where hasty preparations were made for immediate surgery. As the boy was brought in for the operation, the surgeon saw him and said, "I can't operate, that's my son." How is that possible?*

Last week when I started to think about this piece for Eiko's column a quote from Jean D'Costa's recent lecture highlighted in the *Spec* grabbed my attention: "We think we own the language, but the language owns us." Your difficulty with solving the riddle above suggests that D' Costa's claim is at least partly true.

> "Why should anyone worry about sentences like, "Since the dawn of time, man has searched for meaning." (apart from its general obtuseness)?"

Many people believe that various groups' focus on language reform is, at best, a waste of good political energy, or at worst, political correctness at its most insidious. I want to argue here that language is political, that it shapes our ideas and attitudes in ways with important political consequences, and so *is* a worthy target of political attention and energy. I will take as my example a case that is thought by many to be the most trivial: the use of (and case against) the so-called generic 'he,' and 'man.' I will argue that the use of 'he' and 'man' are gender specific, and so cannot in fact be used to encompass females. The use of 'he' and 'man' thus unfairly disadvantages girls and women both by excluding females from the language—and conceptual scene—and by reinforcing sexist stereotypes ("The surgeon...he....") Bear in mind that in the not-too-distant past every such sentence in textbooks, and in other official purveyors of knowledge, used "he" if a pronoun was in order, and the gender of the subject was not explicit. There are other arguments in support of the view that language is political, notably, the view that the use of language is an act, and since certain linguistic acts, like other acts, can cause harm to others, they can be justifiably regulated. Many who support anti-hate speech ordinances and anti-pornography ordinances appeal to such arguments, but I will not discuss them here.

> "So while I don't know whetherlanguage owns us, surely it shapes us in ways that deserve political attention."

Why should anyone worry about sentences like "Since the dawn of time, man has searched for meaning." (apart from its general obtuseness)? For starters, even if one believes that language only reflects social and political realities (vs. influences them), there is good reason to avoid such uses of 'man': at the very least, they are ambiguous, and the reader is sometimes thrown for a loop to discover in a later more explicit context that while the original use of 'man' seemed to be intended to be taken generically, in fact the writer had in mind males. There are tons of such textbook examples. But there is an even more powerful reason to get rid of such uses, even the ones that are *intended* to be inclusive: when children learn English, they learn early that pronouns are gender-specific, and there's evidence to suggest that we never get past that early training. What does the parent say to the three year old who points to a statue of Aphrodite and says "Look at the pretty man."? —something like "Honey, that's a woman, and yes, she is pretty." In fact children very early master using only "she" to refer to females, and "he" to males, when a pronoun is called for; they understand that it would be a *mistake* to refer to a female as "he." Many years later kids learned (and still learn) about the use of "he" to refer both men and women. But we don't in fact make that transition to neutrality; when we read and hear "he" and "man" studies have shown that they register as "male." For one example among many, I turn to the psychologist Janet Shibley Hyde's 1984 test of the effects of pronoun use on children's conception of occupational success, without any other variable interfering, such as the actual gender composition of the profession. Children were given one of four descriptions of various professions: doctor, firefighter, teacher, and the made-up profession, wudgemaker, varying only according to whether the pronouns used to talk about the people in the professions were "he," "she," "they," or "he or she." When "he" was used, the children ranked women as least capable of doing the job, when "she" was used, most capable; when "they," about equal.

So while I don't know whether language owns us, surely it shapes us in ways that deserve political attention. And of course that attention goes hand in hand with our other political responsibilities. The answer to the riddle?: the surgeon is the boy's mother, its obviousness obscured at least in part due to sexism in language.

*(From Janice Moulton's "The Myth of the Neutral "Man."")

Katherine Doran
Chair, Department of Philosophy

Most of you can see where the discussion is going to. There is no neutral language! Communication will be very difficult and uneasy. But can we not have pure language, or an absolutely correct way to mirror reality? I see some people nodding. Please write to us via campus mail or e-mail.

Eiko Tsunematso

Cafe Opus, Marlboro Mediums and other trends on the Hill

BEN MINTZ
GREY MATTERS

At Hamilton, one must be careful not to blink or oversleep. If you do, one might miss the transition from grassy quads to icy tundra. One might also miss the constantly evolving trends and fads that sweep our campus. I find this aspect of Hamilton and society one of the most fascinating. This week I took the opportunity to comment on some of the fads and trends of Fall Semester 1996.

In Cafe Opus, I have noticed that trends amongst smokers have also shifted. The ever-popular Parliament light maintains its fame amongst select groups. However, Marlboro Mediums are becoming increasingly common across the board. These smokes seemed to be feeding off the former customer base of Camel Lights and Marlboro Reds. On that note, Cafe Opus and its residents, the "opusites," have gained a sort of "Jack Kerouac wore Khakis" degree of trendiness.

In the field of small talk some things change and others do not. The major theme of party conversation last year was, "This is so weird; there's a party in the dining hall/mail center." Now the theme is more to the effect of "not another party in the dining hall/mail center." Funny how we look back on culture as better days after we've grown used to the change.

Ah, then there is attire. As usual, North Face products are out in force. While it seemed in past years that fleece overwhelmed the Hill, now vests are everywhere. I have even seen several people wearing vests made by the aforementioned company. Another interesting fact I overheard was a quote from a J. Crew worker who allegedly said that 198 College Road receives more of their shipments than most addresses in the eastern United States. Even the trends of bags are changing, the L.L. Bean backpack is slowly fading from glory, to be replaced by Mountainsmith sidebags and R.E.I. fanny packs.

> "Unfortunatly, the Little Pub's Warhollian fifteen have passed. The bars downtown have gained unprecedented popularity and the results are evident even in decreased attendence at parties."

Unfortunately, the Little Pub's Warhollian fifteen have passed. The bars downtown have gained unprecedented popularity and the results are evident even in decreased attendance at social space parties. Sadly, last year's trend of DWI (deewees) has continued to thrive. Maybe this is because of an allegedly ridiculously large donation to the Kirkland police by Hamilton College. However, that would be insignificant if students were not to drive drunk. As preposterous as it may sound, I have recently been riding the Jitney and enjoying it. I am not alone on my trips uphill. The blue angel is often crowded with other joyful Hamiltonians, and the voyage is always a delightful social experience unto itself. Furthermore, the ISC went to great lengths to supplement the drivers in order to insure that it runs on weekends as well.

There is also a trend of students flooding local restaurants. I rarely dine at The Phoenecian, The Mason Jar, Le Petit Maison, Carmella's, Roma's, Symeon's, China Buffet, or The Polynese without seeing Hamiltonians. I initially suspected this was due to the new restaurant review column in *The Spec*; however, they have reviewed only a fraction of the aforementioned establishments. Furthermore, many students are now cooking their own food in suites and dorm kitchens. These phenomena are extremely bizarre, since we are provided with food by the meal plan.

There are also some truly frightening trends this semester. One is the frightening plague of Hepatitis A sweeping the Hill. Those afflicted may turn yellow and be unable to drink alcoholic beverages for six months. Another is the sketchy string of automotive break-ins in student lots. The silver lining is that the campus vandalism has not been as visible this semester. However, as Robert Hunter said, "every silver lining's got a touch of grey." The vandalism problem still has not disappeared, only lessened its targets' magnitude.

So some things stay the same, others change, and then there are those that fall into neither category. These are just trends of no real significance, but definitely fun to watch. Maybe they are a commentary on the society that creates them. Maybe not; all I am sure of is that Hamilton certainly has many and they are fascinating to observe.

Check the *Spec* online at:

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OPINION

Another Bundy party?

The social spaces —not the social opportunities— are a joke at Hamilton College. Enough time has passed since "The Decision," yet we still look to Bundy as our primary option for large social functions. Hamilton College preaches and glorifies a sense of community, yet the social spaces created, like North Court and the Hub, are so small that an "open party" is impossible. Invites are annoying, elitist, and insulting. Hamilton needs to commit to a new social space that can be used for many different functions. Because we are students, parties will be the biggest draw, but a social space should be flexible enough to host a wide range of activities.

I am calling for the students' voice to rise above the suppressive thumb of the trustees and the administration at this school. With financial gifts flowing to our institution in record amounts, we, the students who are meant to benefit from the donations, must call for a concrete, written commitment from the College to meet our social needs. If the school continues to focus exclusively on residential options on our campus, students will live in plush dormitories, but only hideous red tile floors will welcome them for social gatherings of significant size.

MARK LILIENTHAL
GLASS HOUSES

Our "best" social space is a former dining hall! Unlike North Court, no attempt has been made at removing the staleness of Bundy. The lighting is an abomination, the floor dangerously slippery during parties, and the location inconvenient for most students. Who wants to go down there from Macintosh in mid-February? The acoustics are laughable, the bathrooms insufficient (would you use those sinks?), and the clean-up a hassle. Could we not extend the clean-up deadline until 9:00AM so everyone could enjoy the end of their evening?

Secondly, the Little Pub is an excellent place to congregate with small groups. The one band I have seen there, however, resulted in a severe case of claustrophobia. While admittedly late to alter the face of the Pub, the school should nonetheless recognize that the facility's size poses a problem for students looking to gather with three or four hundred other people.

North Court is an outstanding social space, yet it too falls short in certain areas. Weekend parties at North Court are invariably overstuffed, sweaty, and repetitious. The College seems to believe that a party means that people do not want to sit down. Where is the furniture found in residence hall lounges? Being on your feet for three hours at the end of a day is bothersome. Wooden chairs, difficult to vandalize in a crowded space, would be an excellent addition.

The Hub is a nice change of pace from the spaces above. The truth is, however, that the lighting and that darned floor make it Bundy in disguise. The chairs and tables are a nice advantage, but the Hub resembles the other spaces too much.

Until Hamilton College commits to creating unique, exciting social spaces capable of holding five hundred people, the social life will continue to be mediocre. The College has no comprehension of how much social activity revolves around Don's Rok and the Village Tavern. Once these watering holes are eliminated from students' agendas due to the confines of transportation at two in the morning (no downtown living), the social spaces on campus will be more crowded and students' gripes will be aired with increasing urgency. Hamilton has a chance to meet a demand early; start now and avoid haste! Serious planning and student input need to be incorporated in a social space offering room for large parties, small gatherings with professors, and student performances. Ideas range from a place where bands could play to large audiences with phenomenal acoustics to an outdoor facility available for barbecuing, bands, basketball, etc. that could be used during the not-so-harsh months of the year.

In essence, the College seems to betray its own belief that community is our strongest point. Frankly, the most meaningful communications between students usually comes *outside* the classroom, where we can explore tangents and realities that professors cannot allow in the confines of the classroom. I have found it increasingly difficult to discover new points of view at Hamilton social functions. The Hub offers the same atmosphere as Bundy, North Court is too small for open gatherings, and the other spaces are so infrequently used that I am surprised the school has not taken steps to "soup them up." The students of Hamilton College need to tell the school that until we have adequate, varied social spaces, our morale will dwindle to new levels of despair and tedium. It is time to give the students something they want, and something the health of the entire community needs.

Write for letters and Op-ed. Call Dan at x0920

Lessons from a dead snorkler

The Coroner of Rocky Mount, Colorado was confronted with a perplexing case this summer. He examined the body of a man whose corpse was found in the middle of Rocky Mount National Park. The area was burned out in a forest fire that stemmed from lightening storms which ignited the arid region.

Although many tourists had to be evacuated from the park, the biological effects of such a blaze are beneficial to the park's ecosystem. The fire allows new resources to freshly regenerate in the area and establish a more stable food chain. Rescue missions were deployed, however, to minimize human deaths.

What the Coroner could not understand was how this man's body was in tact if the cause of his death had been burning. Eventually, the coroner found traces of a snorkel mask in the man's cranium. He concluded that the man had been snorkeling in a nearby lake, and when rescue helicopters utilized enormous water vacuum vats to gather water to extinguish the fire, the victims body was sucked into the receptacle. The helicopter then dumped the water with the corpse of an already drowned man on the fire to help control it.

While such an oversight may seem humorous, this event was indeed a senseless tragedy. There is no doubt that when man tries to control nature inevitably both are harmed. Upon hearing of this story, one area resident inquired, "What happened to the lake?" At first, this may not sound like a profound question, but upon further examination it suggests a deeper explanation of the event.

Here at Hamilton, the lake effect weather which brings gale force winds and hundreds of inches of snow to the Hill each year also serves another function. The titanium white precipitation serves as natural insulation for our beverages and also provides a majestic backdrop for our campus. It is sometimes used as a trash receptacle for our unwanted waste.

OWEN GRANT
INHALE TO THE CHIEF

Herein lies the problem: One day the snow will melt and our refuse will be in plain view, posing obstacles for passersby and troubling to anyone who cares about this school. While it is understandable that everyone feels entitled to an occasional heave-ho into the depths of the unknown barricade of snow, it also seems reasonable to laugh at the fate of the unfortunate snorkeler.

> "His death is more tragic than humerous. It is this sort of black humor, so prevalent in the colder, harsher months of winter, that is commonplace."

His death is more tragic than humorous. It is this sort of black humor, so prevalent in the colder, harsher months of winter, that is commonplace. The vandalizing of a woman's door in the Keehn Co-op and the harassment of an innocent party-goer at a Halloween gathering are neither funny nor humane nor tolerable.

If you have ever visited the Utica zoo, you may have seen an African Zebra. If you have ever been to the Burger King on route 5 adjacent to the Sangertown mall you may have seen the donation jar for the Utica Zoo. This jar has a picture of the Zebra, chest deep in snow, circumscribed about the change receptacle.

This image should not conjure laughter it should force uneasiness. What is going through the Zebra's mind as he gallivants about the Utica half-way house? More importantly, what happened to his band of Zebras from whom he was recently taken? What would have happened to the inhabitants of the Colorado lake if all of the water was procured to extinguish the forest fire? Would their carcasses disintegrate or lie above the dried out lake bed? Let us make sure that there are no snorkelers on the Continental turf when the warmer whether of the spring melts the tundra's snow.

If you don't stop your friend from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

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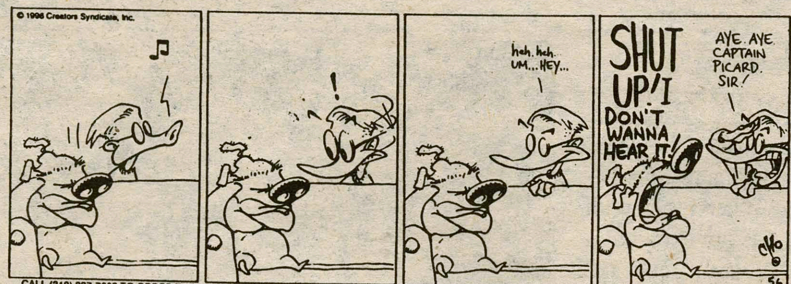

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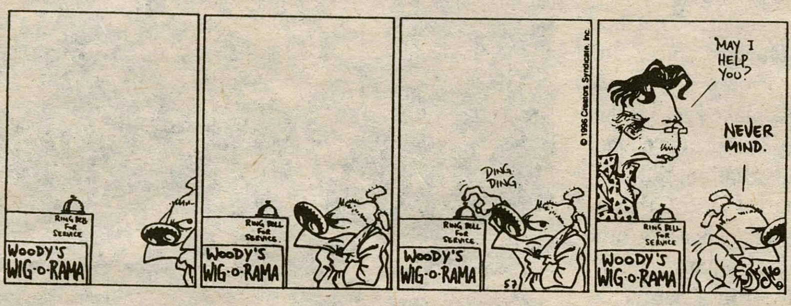

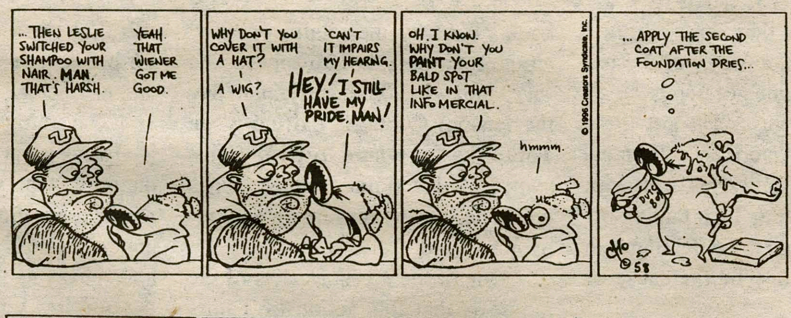

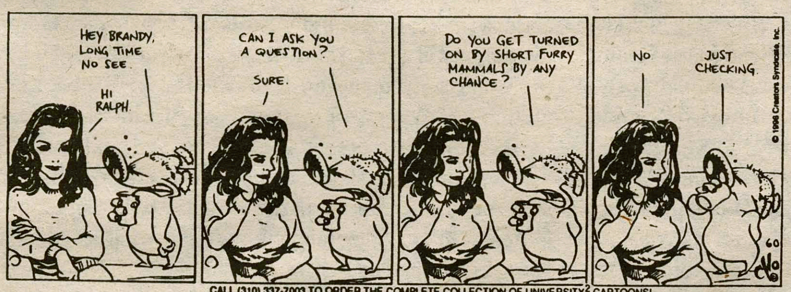

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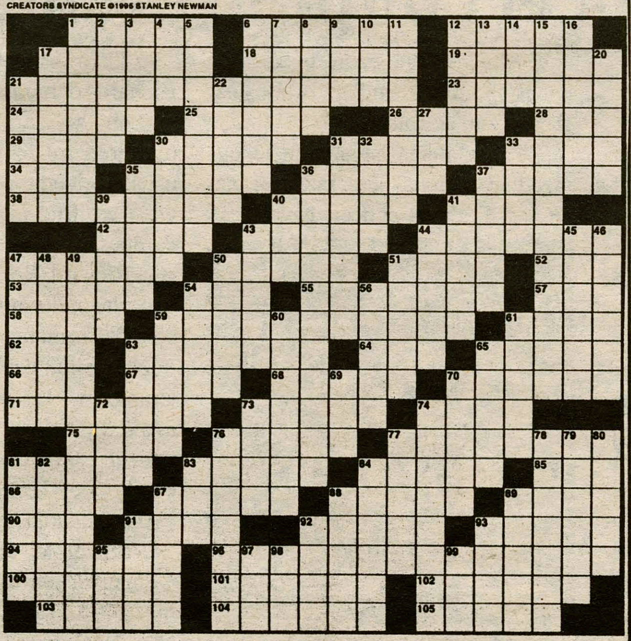

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'Want to pet me?"
—Jody Steinhilber '99

"I'm not used to reading words."
—Dave Gould '98 in response to being asked why he didn't do his homework.

"I gave up on the stick, it's too much work. I'll just stick my tongue in there."
—Melisa McGregor '99 in reference to Lick-a-made (the candy).

"I'm telling you, I remember! Keep in mind that I don't remember much these days."
—Mark Wilson '99

"Unlike you, my touch doesn't make everything hard."
—Christina Clark '97, in reference to a fellow classmate's infamous hands.

P E R S O N A L S

Dear Yish/Panda, Sprout, Elmo, Sneeks, Strings (K.), and Red/ Gordo,

I hope you kids aren't having too much fun without me. I've discovered that despite what physicians have always thought, it is possible to live with only half a heart. I miss you guys like crazy. Keep those letters flowing.

Love always,
Your Parisian Friend

Pizza Man-

I know who you are. Don't think you're fooling anyone. It must be such a burden knowing everything, oh Guru. I adore your artwork. I'll be watching you through the Eye of the Tiger.

-Larry

Neighbor,

So close, yet so far away. See you around.

-Neighbor

Toyota owner,

Relax. Have a smoke. But don't ask next to the puddle. And stop dressing like a professor...you're scaring us!

-Sitting Bull & Geronimo

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(OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 22)

The drop in temperature creates a need for warmth; someone you've had your eye on will become a good snuggling partner. Look within your dorm for this special partner.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 22)

You have been admired from afar for some time now. With in three weeks, the admirer will reveal their lust for you. Be on the look out and realize when this person arrives.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 22)

Keep an open mind regarding perspective love interests. When you least expect it, you'll be swept off your feet by the most unlikely person. Spend some time exploring the great outdoors this weekend.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 23-FEBRUARY 18)

Tension among friends will soon subside. Go about your business as usual and don't stress about too much.

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20)

Self-control is of the utmost importance. Take caution to not lose your cool or you'll find yourself in an embarrassing situation with those of the opposite sex.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

The white blanket of snow covering the earth symbolizes purity for you; you've been given a fresh start. Take advantage of it and find a new partner.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Go out on some snowy night and catch as many snowflakes as you can with your tongue. They represent the many hopes and dreams you'll have come true.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Take time out this week to relax and play games. Blowing off steam is the best way to maintain your piece of mind.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Follow your instincts in your interactions with people. Your youthful innocence will earn you much respect. Act resposibly this weekend but have a good time.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUGUST 22)

Your time has come to settle down. Be yourself and your friends will support you in making those tough decisions. Go for a long walk in the Glen.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22)

The spare time you've had lately has not been wasted; keep up your hopes and things will soon go your way in the classroom and in your social life.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22)

Let your adventurous side take over this weekend. Living on the edge provides the shot of adrenaline you've been searching for. Your love of money will make you supreme ruler of the universe.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

RANSOM

B

Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown
Sangertown Square Mall

BY KATHY HESS '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

The most annoying thing about most modern thrillers is that the heroes are flawless. When set up with a flawed villain, it is not exciting to watch the fight between good and evil. When the hero is flawed and the villain in control of the game, it is much more fascinating. That best part about Ron Howard's new film Ransom, his heroes are deliciously flawed. That what makes yet another thriller interesting, because the chance is there that the hero might fail.

Tom Mullen (Mel Gibson-*Gallipoli, Braveheart*) is a big time plane executive; he built his airplane company. He lives in a penthouse with his wife Kate (Rene Russo-*Tin Cup*) and their son Sean (Brawley Nolte-son of Nick). Their lives are not perfect, even they do try for that appearance to the outside world. Tom didn't get where he got being the all American nice guy. He got there being the All American self interested guy. The family has dealt with a scandal involving Tom paying off union workers and these dealings are thought to possibly be the cause of the kidnapping.

Sean is taken in Central Park at a science fair and an anonymous E-mail is sent to the frantic parents. The ransom is set at two million dollars. Rather than leaving the identities of the kidnappers a mystery, Howard introduces them early on so that the story can be told from all angles. The head of the group is Jimmy Shaker (Gary Sinise-*Forrest Gump, Apollo 13*), a corrupt detective. He includes on the job his girlfriend Maris Conner (Lili Taylor-*I Shot Andy Warhol*), a computer hacker, and two criminal brothers to do dirty work. Cubby, a brother, is played by Donnie Walburg of New Kids on the Block fame (just in case nothing else scares you).

Tom and Kate are told by the FBI to pay the ransom, that is what gets most kids back the quickest. Tom realizes that there is a very small probability that his son will be given

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Mel Gibson plays Tom Mullen, an executive whose son is kidnapped for *Ransom*.

back. First by the relatively small amount of money the kidnapper asked for. Later when Tom is trying to pay the ransom Cubby is baffled when Tom asks for where to pick up his son. At this point Tom switches gears, he sets the ransom on the kidnappers head.

One of the nicest aspects of the movie is that this action of Tom's angers Kate to the point where she reacts. So often in thrillers that involve worried parents, Mom becomes a bonehead who can't function without a lot of medication and then she can only cry. Both Tom and Kate are heart-wrenchingly portrayed, and there are moments where they only have each other, but also moments where they feel alone. The realistic actions (by Hollywood standards) of the parents is a refreshing change to the usual stoic man and medicated mother. They argue, have personality and need each other as well.

It is kind of too bad that the actor with the least character in the movie is Sean. It is understandable, after being kidnapped and all, but with the rest of the characters building character and strength, and realizing inner personal truths, something is missing with Sean. The many writers of this film show all the angles except for his, and Sean is the most important character.

The acting is very good. Gibson is always great, and he seems to be the only "manly man" in film today allowed emotions like uncontrolled anger. Sinise is just wonderfully evil and scuzzy as the bad cop. He gets the best line when Tom asks, "Why me?" Shaker replies, "You're a payer. You did it once, and now you're gonna do it again.

Rene Russo was well done as a woman who loves her husband but has limits. When she thinks he is making a mistake, she acts on it. That character is nicely contrasted with Maris, a woman dependent on the life that Shaker gave her. The women are sparse as in most action movies, but at least they have personality.

Agent Lonnie Hawkins (Delroy Lindo), as the head agent of the FBI is kind of the Greek chorus of the piece, he is the average guy dealing with a situation that could get beyond what he can handle.

The movie is pretty good. There are a few too many plot lines and it runs a little long, but the suspense is held throughout, making it a worthwhile watch.

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Faculty concert impresses small crowd in Wellin

BY JENNY JEFFERSON '00
A & E WRITER

Friday night brought cellist Richard Eckert, pianist Steven M. Heyman, and clarinetist E. Michael Richards to the Wellin stage to perform pieces by Beethoven, Brahams, Ives, Crumb, and Mabry.

Considering the fact that this was one of the most enjoyable music performances to come to Wellin this season, it was surprising that there were so few people in attendance. It is a shame that more Hamilton community members do not support the fine musicians on our faculty by attending these free performances.

The three men featured in Friday night's "Almost All-American" concert hold degrees from some of the most prestigious music schools in the country: the Juilliard School, the Eastman School of Music, the New England Conservatory, and the Yale School of Music. Eckert, Heyman, and Richards have all performed widely both as members of musical groups and as soloists.

Their talents have been recognized in national and international circles. Friday's concert gave these

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musicians a chance to display their skills in both solo and group performance settings. Street Cries for Solo Clarinet, composed by Drake Mabry specifically for E. Michael Richards, was beautifully performed with skill and musicianship.

Through Mabry's piece, Richards demonstrated unique abilities on the clarinet that have been mastered by few and that are not usually given room for exhibition in what we find in traditional clarinet compositions.

Richard Eckert gave the audience the opportunity to hear a superb solo performance of Sonata for Solo Violoncello, composed by George Crumb in 1955. Eckert successfully evoked a variety of moods in playing the three movements of this piece: Fantasia, Tema pastorale con variazioni, and Toccata.

Steven M. Heyman also gave a wonderful performance of his solo piece: Charles Ives's Piano Sonata No. 2, Concord, Mass., 1840-60. Heyman played the third movement of this piece, entitled The Alcotts. Heyman's status as an award-winning pianist is unquestionably deserved.

The three men came together for the performance of Ludwig van Beethoven's Trio in B-flat Major Op. 11, including the movements Allegro con brio, Adagio, and Tema con Variazioni - Allegretto); and for Johannes Brahms's Trio in A Minor, Op. 114, including the movements Allegro, Adagio, Andante grazioso, and Allegro. The musicians could not hide their great love for their individual instruments ,their love for music and their love for performing in general.

Faculty concerts such as this one offer the same professional level of musicianship as do the groups that are brought in from off campus. Many Hamilton students frequently complain that there is "nothing to do" here on the weekends. Perhaps if these same students were to take advantage of the wonderful performances that are given almost weekly in classical, jazz, or modern music or dance, they would no longer feel this way.

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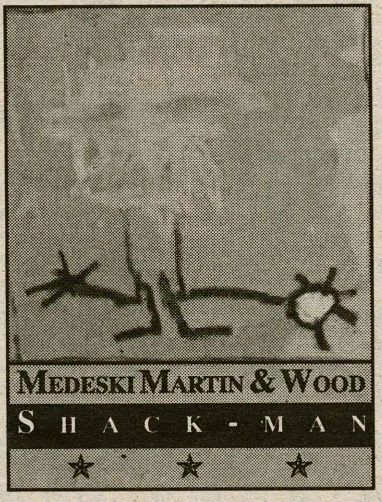
Fresh from the Mail Center: Medeski Martin & Wood, Throwing Muses

It's been a few weeks sans Buzz here at The Spec; the flow of interesting music stuff coming across my desk has been basically non-existent. However, I found a pink card in my mailbox and picked up a package from Rykodisc filled with two new CDs: Medeski, Martin, and Wood's new effort, *Shack-man*, and the latest from the Throwing Muses, *Limbo*.



Let's first journey to a remote group of Pacific islands, Hawaii. While roaming through the dense, scarcely inhabited jungle, we happen upon a shack. This is no ordinary shack, for the sounds emanating from the thatched hut are not tribal rhythms or strange chantings. It's a Hammond organ, bass, and drums!

PETER GASTON'S BUDDHA'S BUZZ

Shack-man (Grammavision/Rykodisc), MMW's fourth album, was recorded entirely in such a place. After building up a catalog of new tunes through a 200-show year, John Medeski, Billy Martin, and Chris Wood took their equipment to a paradise scene that MMW sound engineer David Baker dubbed "Lord of the Flies with batteries."

Like the characters in *Lord of the Flies*, MMW got stripped down during their stay in the Aloha State. The trio includes just bass, organ, and drums, a combination that sounds like the jam session of a talented jazz group without its guitars and horns. MMW is all about groove.

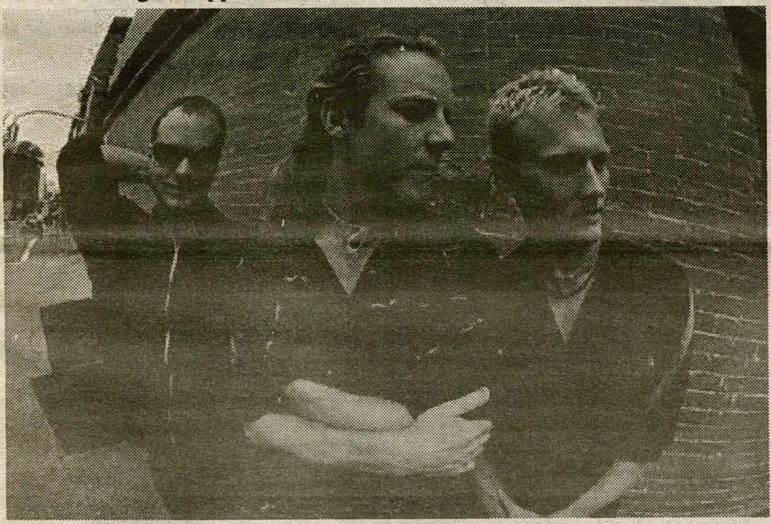
Shack-man kicks off with an MMW arrangement of the traditional "Is There Anybody Here Who Love My Jesus," and dives into "Think," a tune on which Wood bassline sounds like it came from the hands of the late, great Willie Dixon. Then, it's on to "Bubblehouse," a tune that seems to capture the essence of MMW. They maintain a traditionally jazzy groove and build it up to the point where you must get up off your rump and start shaking that thing.

On other tracks, I wish MMW would cross the line and go full force with the groove. "Henduck" is a track just waiting to explode, but instead maintains its tempo, preserving a fat, yet flat, beat. "Jelly Belly" is one track that certainly gets the booty shaking, but in a subtle style unique to the basic elements that make up MMW. It also borderlines on Phishy with its strange, drum-solo ending.

The 11-song album clocks in at a total time of 55 minutes, about the same length as your average alternative album. It seems as if the trio is simply encapsulating their ideas in each song so that they can be expanded and enhanced on stage. Still, some of the grooves seem cut off and incomplete.

Not being a jazz expert, or a student who has spent a semester with the Doctuh, I might not be appreciating all that MMW has to offer. However, *Shack-man* definitely represents the "fusion" movement in the pop music world where mass audiences are beginning to appreciate diversity in styles.

And then again, maybe all some audiences can appreciate are various duplications of proven sounds. With a plethora of feedback and distortion coming from the likes of crowd favorites Bush, Green Day, and those wonderful Stone Temple Pilots, any change is good news. Heck, even Pearl Jam evolved out of the rage rock business.



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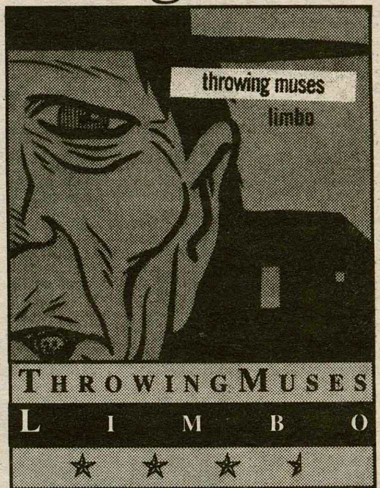
Mike Medeski, Billy Martin, and Chris Wood kick jazzy rhythms on their fourth album, *Shack-man*.

This is why the Throwing Muses' new album, *Limbo* (Throwing Music/Rykodisc), is a refreshing change. The ten-year old Rhode Island band is now a trio featuring guitarist/vocalist/alternoqueen Kristin Hersh, bassist Bernard Georges, and drummer David Narcizo. The Muses are cited as an influence by countless female-fronted bands, and they made their rise to fame behind the fuzzy guitars from Hersh and Tonya Donnely, who left the Muses in the early '90s to front Belly.



What has changed in ten years? Goodbye distortion and fuzz, hello clean crispness.

Limbo is an escape from older Musings and most of the other crap out there these days. Hersh opted for less effects and more music this time around, perhaps stunted by her stellar 1994 solo effort, *Hips and Makers*. The album reaches a solid balance between artistic under-production and insane over-production.

A good example of this balance is "Tar Kissers," one of the radio singles already spawned by *Limbo*. Opening with a twinge of distorted reverb and heavy tom work, it drops into clean-cut verses, rises to an arching chorus, and slips into a desert highway ending. The swerving rhythms are key, as songs cruise through multiple well-blended grooves.

"The Field" has a touch of Dick Dale surfer dude, perhaps residue from the band's beachy-keen 1995 release, *University*. "Serene" is just that, wrapping a 3/4, drumless rhythm around numbing cello.

Limbo is more song and less genre, more Kristin and less Kristin's guitar. We see more of the band's arrangements and less of the buzz that often clouds good music. It's almost retro, with a cleanliness of sound not heard in the genre since the '80s. More '90s artists should be doing the Limbo-rock.

PHOTO COURTESY THROWING MUSIC/RYKODISC

Guitarist/vocalist Kristin Hersh, bassist Bernard Georges, and drummer David Narcizo are the current incarnation of Throwing Muses on their latest, *Limbo*.

Bluegrass band to play Kirkland Arts Center

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"Salamander Crossing plays bluegrass that folk and pop fans can enjoy...traditional and original fare with keen harmonies and fleet picking"—*The Boston Globe*.

A young, bluegrass-flavored acoustic band from western Massachusetts, "Salamander Crossing," makes its KAC Coffeehouse debut, on Friday November 22 at 8 p.m. Opening for Salamander Crossing at the Kirkland Art Center is singer songwriter Dana Robinson.

With fiddle, banjo, guitar, bass, powerful lead singers and strong songwriters, Salamander Crossing mixes up traditional bluegrass breakdowns, stompin' swing tunes and passionate lyric driven-originals.

Featuring Andrew Kinsey on bass, Rani Arbo, fiddle, and Jeff Kelliher, guitar-mandolin and Tim Farnham on banjo, Salamander Crossing takes its musical style from several sources, not the least being bluegrass, and is being recognized for a style that is all their own - and right on the cutting edge of contemporary country/folk music.

Their musical mix includes many original tunes as well as songs by such writers as Kate Wolf, Shawn Colvin, John Lennon, and Paul Macartney, played in styles influenced by diverse sources that range from Bill Monroe to Crosby, Stills & Nash and includes ballads, a capella and even some Western Swing style tunes.

Their debut album, *Salamander Crossing*, was released in 1995 and was enthusiastically reviewed by *Dirty Linen, Fiddler Magazine, Sing out and the Boston Globe* and was followed last summer by their second recording "Passion Train."

The band has performed to enthusiastic audiences throughout New England in Coffeehouses, concert hall, colleges, and at festivals and all are strong singers and lively, solid musicians who obviously enjoy what they do.

Dana Robinson, also from Western Massachusetts, is an award winning contemporary singer-songwriter whose lyrics, melodies and humor can be enjoyed by all whose songs show his respect for the centuries old folk traditions.

Tickets for this program are $9 and can be purchased in advance at the Kirkland Art Center and, if available, at the door the night of the concert. Seating is limited. For information and to find out the availability of tickets, phone the Art Center at (315) 853-8871.

Here's an interesting little side bar story. The name Salamander Crossing comes from a highway sign in the college town of Amherst, Massachusetts.

Every spring, thousands of spotted salamanders make their way from an Amherst hillside to a nearby bog, crossing a busy road in the process. In order to avoid mass salamander carnage, the locals built a series of tunnels under the street for the tiny amphibians.

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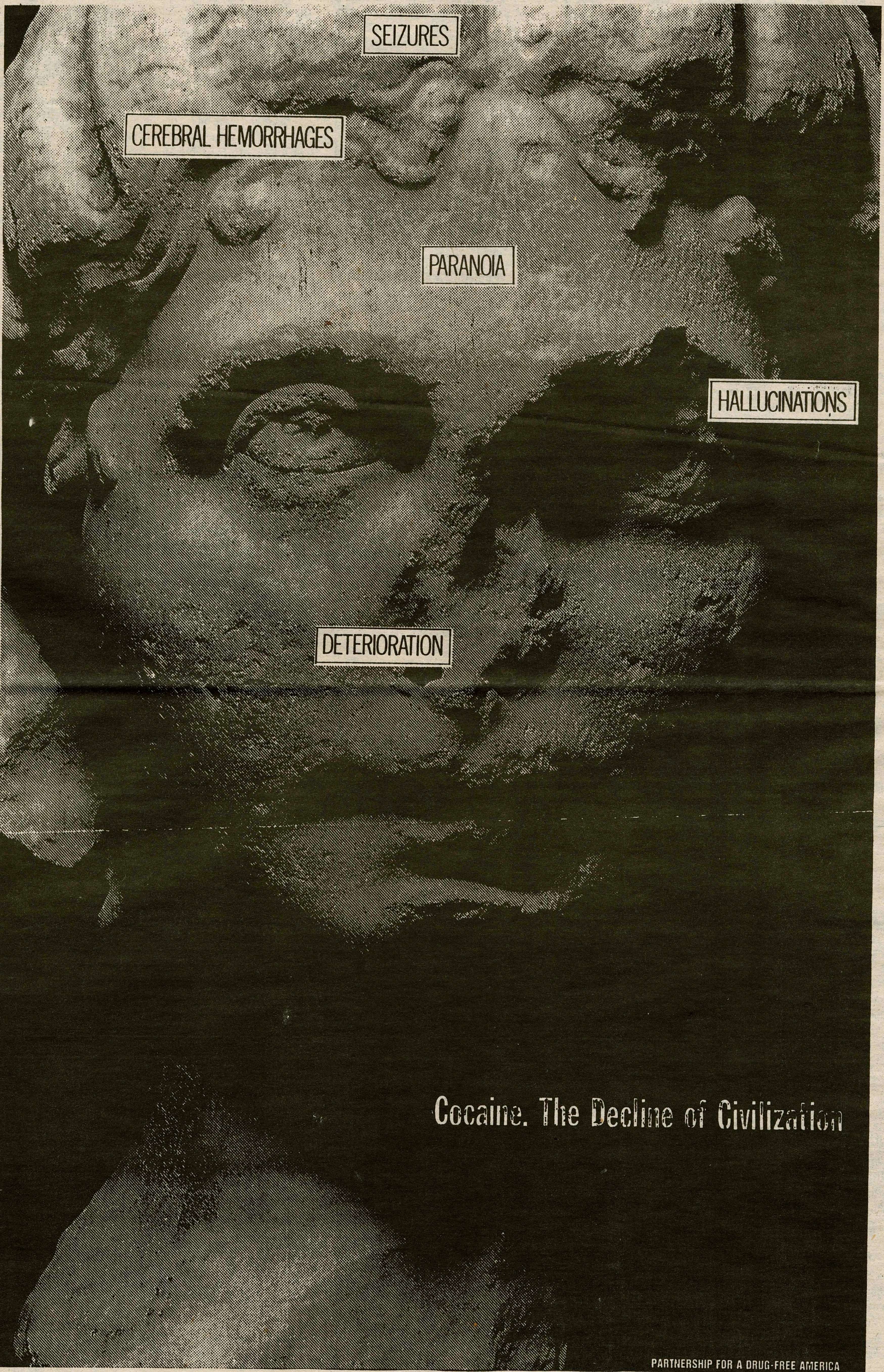
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LECTURES

Friday and Saturday: There will be a Symposium on Literature and Politics in Francophone Countries titled: "Zaire, One of the Worst Dictatorships of the Century: How did we get there? What way out?" Given by Daniel Monguya Mbenge, Politician. This is in the KJ Auditorium Friday at 4:30 pm and Saturday at 8:30 am. Sponsored by Africana Studies.

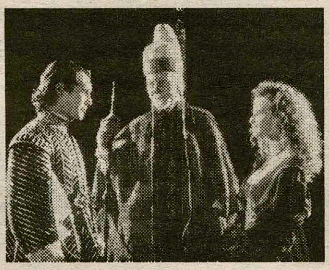
Tuesday: At 8 pm in the Assembly Room, Bristol, there will be an AAUP Journal Club Lecture on "Reflections on being a Jew, a Feminist and a Philosopher" by Heidi Ravven, Department of Religious Studies.

Wednesday: "Environmental Issues in 90's" will be spoken on by Daniel Becker, Sierra Club Global Warming Director. Sponsored by Government Department and Environmental Studies Program. Call Mark O'Gorman x4342 for details.

Thursday: Martine Guyot-Bender, Professor of Romance Languages, will speak on "The Islamic Home: 'l'Amour la Fantasia' by Assia Djebar, a Case Study." This will be held in the ELS Common Room at noon.

FILM

Prospero's Books: An exiled magician finds an opportunity for revenge against his enemies muted when his daughter and the son of his chief enemy fall in love in this uniquely structured retelling of the The Tempest. Intricate staging, graphic nudity, and lavish art production are part of this lurid spectacle. Shakespeare has never seemed quite the same. In the KJ Auditorium Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm. Presented by the Foreign and Fine Film Society.



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Prospero's Books.

ARTS

Exhibition: "The Introspective Eye: Dorothy Shakespeare's Modernist Vision." will continue to run in Emerson Gallery, Christian Johnson Hall, through January 5.

Wednesday: The Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble will perform in Wellin Hall at 8:30 pm.

CHECK IT OUT

Friday: The annual Writer's Harvest event will be a rave taking place in ELS. Along with typical rave fare, the night will feature poetry readings. President Tobin will read poetry if 100 tickets are sold in advance. Tickets are $2 in advance and may be purchased at Bristol's desk. Tickets are $3 at the door. 8:00 p.m. until dawn. See full story on page 2.

Saturday: Comedian René Hicks will perform in the Events Barn at 8 pm. Sponsored by CAB.

HAVOC Helps Hungry: Monies collected from ticket sales at the Writer's Harvest rave Friday will benefit local anti-hunger organizations. All week long, HAVOC will have bins around campus for the donation of canned foods. On Thursday, students can sign off the meal plan and donate their money from unused meals to benefit Oxfam, the international anti-hunger group. Finally, on Friday night, HAVOC is sponsoring a hunger banquet which will be a simulation of the world's hunger problems. Contact HAVOC for more information on these events.

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The Ghost and the Darkness	*6:45, 9:35*	*Larger Than Life*	*7:20*
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After taking Class D tournament, squash looks to improve on 10-16 mark

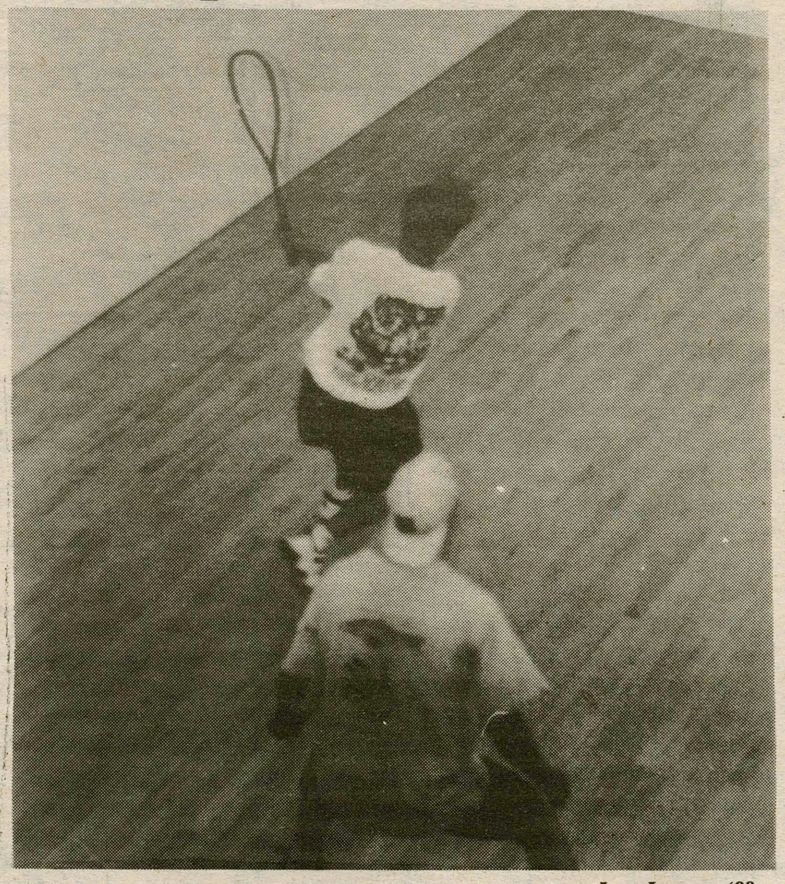
By Mark Granovsky '98
Sports Editor

The men's squash team looks to get back on track in 1996. After posting a 10-16 record during the 1995-96 season, the Continentals want to get this season started on a positive note.

The Continentals lost its first five matches of last year before defeating Stevens Tech. in a 9-0 shutout. After a win over Bard College, Hamilton stood at 2-5 after seven games. A trip to West Point followed that was highlighted by a giant snowstorm. Despite victories by Stoyko Nikolov '96, Macrae Sykes '96, and Ware Sykes '99, Wesleyan overmatched Hamilton 6-3. Hamilton rebounded to beat Columbia, but it was the only team victory of the tournament. Their season fell to 3-9 and there was nervous anticipation towards the New York State Championship on February 17th and 18th.

One big win followed on February 11th over Vassar and another impressive win took place against Bard on Feb. 17th. Yet, the season stood at 6-15. Hamilton traveled to Yale for the National Intercollegiate Tournmant and made their presence known. Arriving early on Friday, the team was treated to match play by Harvard and Williams. After this brief respite, the Conts ousted Haverford 8-1. The only loss was a forfeit by Macrae Sykes '96 because of injury. Hamilton later beat Connecticut College 7-2 with victories by Steven Keyes-Grevelis '99 Ware Sykes '99, Jon Teaford '99, and Stoyko Nikolov '96. A later edge over Columbia brought the Continentals to 9-16 on the year. The win gave the Conts the Conroy Class D Championship Trophy. Head Coach Scott Smith remarked that "This is a wonderful moment and I am very proud to be a part of this team."

Fedor Smith '99 went 11-7 on the year and moved from the #10 position to #8. Ware Sykes '99 finished 9-8 in the #5 position and Owen Grant '98 went 6-2 in the #9 spot. These three will lead a very young staff during the long 1996-97 season. Good luck to all the players.



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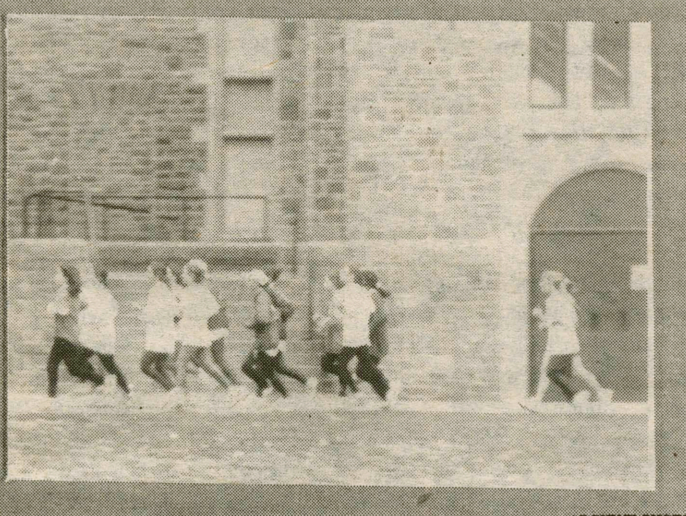

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X-country engineers NCAA regional qualifier

By Felicia Holtzman '00
Sports Staff Writer

Last Saturday at the Rochester Institute of Technology's cross country courses, the men's and women's teams completed their season by participating in the NCAA regional qualifier. The men's team competed against 25 other New York teams and placed 16th, while the women's team came in 4th out of 18 teams.

Jeremy Sokolnicki '98 finished a fine season by running a 29:09.0 on the 8k course. He was the highest ranked Continental, coming in 56th place out of 164 runners. Coming in 84th place was Tom Capo '97, with a time of 30:06.0. Capo was the next Hamilton runner behind Sokolnicki.

With competition from teams such as RIT, who qualified for regionals for the ninth consecutive year, the men's team had their work cut out for them. Three of the other 25 teams that the men's team raced against qualified for regionals: University of Rochester, with 49 points, Ithaca, with 96, and RPI with 129. RIT ended the race with 99 points. The Continentals did, however, place in front of 9 additional teams. The men's team finished its season with a series of respectable performances in all of their races. As men's cross country Coach Brett Hull commented, "We are actively recruiting and if some of these runners get in, we'll have even more runners for next year." With some new additions to this years team and with the new runners from this year gaining more experience, next year's team should achieve many more victories than they were able to this season.

The women's team finished their 5k race with 159 points. Hamilton was 50 points behind the last regional qualifying team, SUNY Geneseo. Veronica Bufalini '98 came in 11th place out of 137 runners with a time of 21:17.3. Bufalini ran :14 seconds behind the last individual qualifying runner. Katie Wasilenko '99 and Robin Loomis '00 ran times of 21:22.4 and 21:37.0 respectively, ranking them in 15th and 22nd places.

Two of the 18 teams the women ran against qualified for the NCAA Regionals: SUNY Cortland and SUNY Geneseo. Cortland concluded the race with 47 points and Geneseo had 109. All of the teams the women ran against were extremely competitive teams. Women's cross country Coach Ellen Hull remarked, "They sent the top two teams to Nationals and we were 4th so we weren't far behind." The teams were similar to ones the women had raced all season, but the course was significantly more difficult to run. "It was the worst course I'd seen in 18 years," Coach Hull said. "There was ankle deep water practically the whole day." Hull added, "Maybe on a different day the results would have been different." Regardless of last Saturday's results, the women's team had an excellent season, improving immensely as the season went on. Hull summed up her team's season by saying, "It was a pleasant surprise. I think people didn't expect us to do anything since we lost so many seniors."

Last Saturday marked the end of fine seasons for both the men's and women's teams. Judging from the improvement made this season and the conditioning the runners have undergone, they should only continue to improve this spring and next season.

Football ends season 5-3

Senior offense leaves its mark

*continued from **Football** page 19.*

On defense, the Continentals lose starting defensive linemen Ed McDevitt and Ryan Gragen. McDevitt was a late bloomer whose hard work paid off in the end as he led the team in sacks. Gragen started on and off for four years because of an unfortunate string of injuries. At linebacker the Conts lose reserves Greg Moscatel '97 and Paul Oberto '97 to graduation. At defensive back, captain Bob Nichols, Russ Zacek, and Rob Sarle will all be missed. The underrated Zacek recorded three interceptions and a team-leading 11 pass breakups. The ECAC honor roll selection also had 63 tackles from the defensive back position.

Although many spots are up for contention next year, the team returns a solid nucleus of players. On offense, tackles Chris Antoni '98 and Jim Eisenberg '98 return for their senior season. Karl Knight '00, Matt Markowski '98 and Chris Kelly '98 will compete for the running back spots. Receivers Shawn Lyons '98 and Kelby Valenti '99 gained valuable experience this year and should lead the receiving corps next year.

On defense, Mark Burlingame '98 and Mike Velasquez will anchor the defensive line. Frank Loverro '98, Dave Martucci '98 and Buddy LaSala '98 lead the linebackers after another successful season. LaSala led the team in tackles with 70 while Martucci and Loverro were close behind with 65 and 60, respectively. Martucci had three pivotal interceptions in the win against Williams. Kyle Bennett is the prime returnee at defensive back. Also a punt returner, the 1995 all-NESCAC selection led the team with five interceptions.

Although the kicking game was somewhat unreliable this year, all were freshmen and should return more experienced. John Manley is a solid punter who averaged 34.2 yards per boot. Adam Kelly will return as the extra-point kicker. Andrew Scanzillo will bring back his unique toe-balling style for next year.

Hamilton will look to build on this season's 5-3. They will certainly rely on a solid defensive nucleus for leadership. Next year's games will most likely not be the exciting shootouts typical of this year, unless DeBlois' replacement has anything resembling the senior captain's ability. If the defense steps up and keeps scores low, look for another successful Hamilton football season next year.

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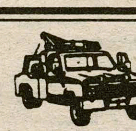

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Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Mark Granovsky, as well as their picture in *The Spectator.*

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A man of respect

TIM BOOTH

THE ABSURD TRUTH

There is one very distinct wait in the sports world. It is not like the wait of Micheal Jordan receiving the ball at the top of the key with 1.4 seconds remaining on the clock. It is not the feeling of potential triumph of John Elway marching the Broncos down the field with 58 seconds left and needing a touchdown to win. No, this wait isn't like the roll of a forty foot putt on the 18th hole of Augusta. Instead, this is a peaceful anticipation. Those that have earned the honor to end our wait will always be remembered with a new respect. They are the ones who bring the fire to begin the world's greatest and most historic athletic event.

This year the fire was carried across the heartland of America to it's destination in Atlanta. Some of the nation's finest citizens, from all walks of life, helped to pass the fire with pride. When it eventually did reach Atlanta, the sports world began to get restless with eager impatience. Finally, on that one relaxing summer night, we settled in to watch the wealth of human spirit. Athletes of all kinds, from diverse and rich cultures joined together in a harmonious celebration of goodwill between man. For all of the world, the traditional ceremony is a chance to revel in a feeling of peace free from the many things that divide us; and for many groups of people who do not enjoy the comfort of opportunity, the ceremony represents a night to escape their hardships and dream of far off places. After some lavish entertainment, usually conveying aspects of the host city's unique culture, the fire nears the ceremony. We wonder who will begin the wonderful journey by bringing the fire. Those that bring it are individuals who characterize the spirit of the tradition. On this July night, we watched with a composed excitement as the entertainment ended, and the world awaited. The darkened tension of the night was suddenly broken by a golden light rising from the center of the mass of athletes. After the momentary awe of beholding the blaze of tradition, the home-town Atlanta crowd erupted at the realization that the carrier of the fire was one of their own. The sculpted body of muscle represented the pride of a city, the soul of a race, and the embodiment of competition. Evander Holyfield stepped down from the platform, amid the roar of the crowd, and joined the company of legends by jogging the oval. He was a physical specimen and a humane hero to so many, full of the confidence and demeanor that define his persona. His distinct smile leaked every so often form his face, as the crowd thundered, and after his dignified jog he relayed the honor and glory of the fire to another hero, Janet Evans. It was her turn to run among the legends. Evander Holyfield's run with the immortal spirit of the Olympics was over, but he will always remain with the fire's tradition.

Four months after that wonderful July night, Holyfield threw peace and humanity out the window, and reminded us why he is the respected athlete the world has come to recognize. Saturday night he became the only boxer, other than Muhammad Ali, to win the heavyweight championship on three separate occasions, when he defeated heavily favored Mike Tyson. I was fortunate enough to watch the fight. It was a dramatic clash of two different types of boxers and two different types of men. Evander Holyfield played the role of the tough veteran with something to prove, and Tyson was simply the vicious destroyer. Las Vegas had the odds on the fight at 16:1 in Tyson's favor as late as Friday. Not even Holyfield's former trainers and coaches gave him much of a chance to survive, let alone win. Many people were only wondering how quickly Tyson would knock Holyfield out. The sports world should have known better, though. Holyfield is a strong and seasoned veteran. We knew going into the fight that the former champ wouldn't lay down to anyone. Holyfield had absolutely nothing to lose, and a chunk of history to gain. He came to the ring prepared, both physically and mentally. He knew that he would have to withstand a barrage of blows. His body was ready, and more importantly his mind and heart were ready as well. Holyfield had a plan when he entered the fight. He knew what he would have to do, and he did it.

After all of the trash that Mike Tyson has served the American public, it was a fitting to see him take a licking in the ring. Through all the pre-fight hype, Tyson let his mouth run rampant. During all of the crap that Tyson was unloading, Holyfield kept silent. He carried himself with class and dignity, not allowing himself to stoop to the level of his opponent. The true test would come in the ring. Holyfield knew this, and when it came time to ring the bell he stepped up to the challenge. The older veteran not only beat Tyson, he totally out-boxed him. I think I would have awarded him two, maybe three rounds, on criteria. In the eleventh round, after a brilliant fight, Holyfield was doing such damage to the suddenly silenced Tyson that the referee was forced to stop the fight before their was serious physical damage. It was a fitting way to end the epic match.

When Janet Evans received the Olympic torch she ran it around the rest of the oval and up a set of stairs where the greatest of all time awaited. In amazement the young Olympian handed the flame to Muhammad Ali. Even in his dehabilitated form, Ali stood atop the platform like a deity. His presence represented the highest ideal of sport. Four months later, Holyfield joined Ali as the only boxers ever to win the heavyweight championship of the world three times. These two men have gained the respect of the world, and as a result they were honored with an immortal touch of sports strongest spirit. Ya' know what, I don't think Mike Tyson will ever carry the fire.

Milleisen, DeBlois's last stand a winner against Bobcats

Conts wrap up another solid season with a 20-7 win over Bates

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Hamilton wrapped up their season last Saturday with a convincing 20-7 win over the Bates Bobcats. Bates concludes another winless 0-8 record. The Conts finish respectably with its third straight 5-3 season.

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Hamilton fans had to wait until late in the first quarter for a touchdown. Quarterback Dan DeBlois '97 connected with running back Ben McClellan '97 on seven-yard pass for the first score of the game. The rest of the half remained uneventful as neither the Continentals nor the Bobcats could break down the other's defense for a touchdown. The halftime score stood at 7-0.

The Bobcats countered in the third quarter with a 15-yard run by running back Ryan Jarvis to tie the score at seven going into the fourth. The explosive Continental offense responded with two fourth quarter scores to provide the margin of victory. Tailback Karl Knight '00 rambled into the endzone for the first touchdown from two yards out. Hamilton followed on its next possession with a 63-yard pass play from DeBlois to Scott Milleisen '97.

For the offense, Milleisen finished the day with 99 yards rushing on 23 carries. He also added four catches for 106 yards, including the catch in the fourth to ice the win. The senior tailback became Hamilton's all-time leading rusher with 2,622 career yards, barely eclipsing the old mark of 2,594 yards held by Eric "The Grey Ghost" Grey.

DeBlois concluded his Hamilton career in style, completing 17 of 25 passes for 281 yards and two touchdowns. In the process, he became the Continentals' single season pass yardage leader with 1,878 yards. He also broke single-season records for most pass attempts (325) and completions (200). With these records under his belt, the senior captain leaves Hamilton as perhaps the best quarterback in the school's history.

The Hamilton defense also concluded a solid fall campaign in the Bates game. Linebacker "Sweaty" Eddie McDevitt '97 recorded ten tackles and had an incredible three sacks to lead the defense. He leads the team with seven sacks for the season. Mark Burlingame '98 had ten tackles for the Conts, and captain Bob Nichols '97 added an interception. Clinton Textor '99 led the special teams with one bone-chilling tackle.

Looking in retrospect, the fall season was one of many ups-and-downs for the Continentals. The definite highlight of the year was the victory over the Williams Ephmen. Williams had beaten Hamilton soundly the previous five years. This year, the Continentals gave Williams their worst loss of the fall season, and did so by dominating on both sides of the ball. However, Middlebury took back the rocking chair and the Continentals' momentum in a snowy and windy game the following week. Hamilton often played better than a 5-3 team but sometimes did not live up to its promise. Although the year was far from a failure, this team could have beaten every team they faced.

The loss of this year's seniors will surely hit the team hard.

On offense, the powerful record-setting backfield trio of DeBlois, Milleisen, and Adam Hodges '97 will be hard to replace. The offensive scheme centered around Deblois' pin-point short passes to Hodges and Milleisen's reliable running skills. Although they did not receive much acknowledgement, the offensive line anchored by Ken Sommers '97, Ron Mammano '97 and Devon Darzano '97 provided consistent efforts week after week. Sommers was a three-year starter at guard, giving the Conts experience and leadership on the line. Not enough can be said about Mammano. The senior captain was a four-year starter and a 1995 all-NESCAC selection. His reliability and experience gave Hamilton one of its finest linemen in years, especially considering he has not missed a game in three years. Another all-NESCAC honor is certainly in order for this year. Hamilton will also have to replace wideout Ben Johnson, tight ends Aaron Schwimmer and Paul Bopp, and reserve running back Ben McClellan.

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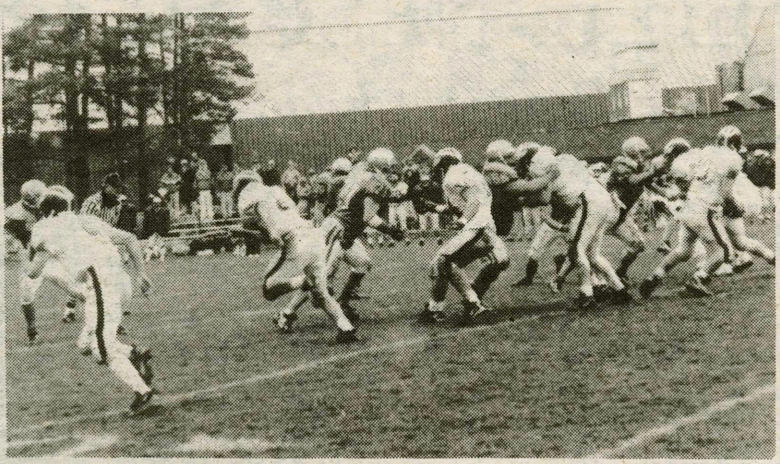

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

The explosive Continental offensive has been a thrill-a-minute this year. Next year defense will prevail.

Veterans hope to help hockey keep winning ways

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Davey'00 and Scott Grenier'00. Davey has had a lot of game-time experience. Hailing from a number of Canadian junior leagues, Davey has seen playing time in over 40 games his last three seasons. He is steady, composed and does not scramble in the crease. A stand-up goaltender, Davey should share time this season with the other continental tenders. Scott Grenier'00 is an excellent all-around athlete. His physical fitness training has paid off in the pre-season. Quick and light on his feet, Grenier is a valuable asset to the squad. Luke Mulvaugh'00 is another youngster to keep an eye on. Trying desperately to recover from a debilitating groin injury, Mulvaugh looked impressive in the early pre-season and will attempt a comeback once he has properly healed.

Despite the pool of talent that the hockey team has pulled from the freshman class, the coaching staff and the rest of the squad will be looking to their seasoned veterans to get Hamilton on the winning track early. Captain Jeff Bradley'97 and assistant captains Joe Baudo'97 and Gary Heenan'97 have been inspirational in motivating younger players in the pre-season. Coach Phil Grady said he is "pleased with the leadership these three have shown. They have done a great job and have pushed the newcomers to their own personal limits by setting an example through hard work."

Bradley has dominated the center position for the Continentals for the past three seasons. On the threshold of the elite 100-Point Club with a total of 97 points, Bradley will be pushing to reach new personal heights and new team achievements. Centering lightening fast super-sophs Rob Rigg'99 and Darren Johnston'99 who had 21 and 14 points respectively in their first college season, Bradley and his line should prove to be a deadly combination.

Heenan and Baudo are two rushing defenseman who have great puck handling and skating skills. Heenan is a tough player who sets an example for the team with his aggressive style of play. Baudo is a smooth skater who has proven to have a scoring touch. Watch for the both of them to carry the puck a lot this year. A force to be reckoned with on the blueline, the co-captains have recently been split as a pair by coach Grady. Playing as the number one defensive pair are Baudo and John Whitwell'98. Perhaps the strongest man on the team, Whitwell can clear opponents from the front of his net with ease and has a blasting shot from the blueline. Manning the second pair of defense are Heenan and Brian Coakley'99. Coakley is a stay-home defenseman who prefers to make the pretty pass rather than rush the puck. The two should compliment each other well on the blueline.

Elsewhere at forward are other returning players. Zack Sweetland'99 will center another all-veteran line, working with Trevor MacArthur'99 on his left and Dave Webb'98 on his right. Sweetland can finish with the puck. He is a great assist-man and is deadly from the top of the circle. He should be complimented well by the great speed that both Webb and MacArthur provide. Webb can also find the net. In the pre-season, Webb has looked sharp in practice burying pucks left and right. MacArthur has been tenacious as usual on the ice and will add a physical punch to the second line.

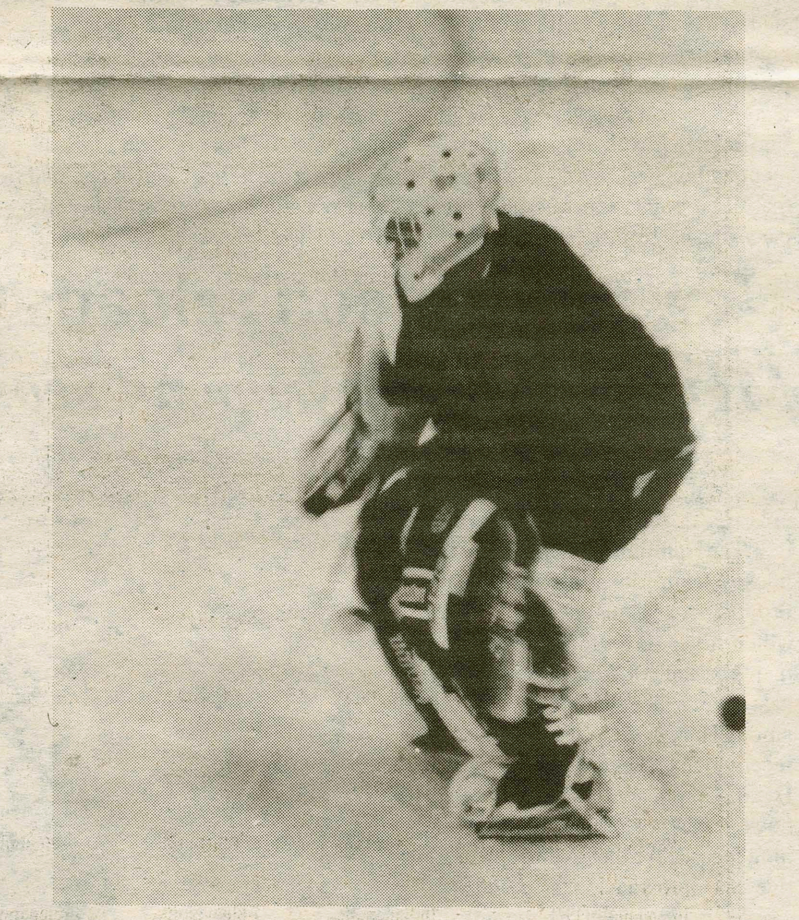
Brian Guastella'98 is another forward that Grady will be looking to provide leadership. Playing alongside Rowean and Phalen, Brian will have to take the two under his guidance. A grinder in the corners, Guastella has always played with intensity and should combine with the freshmen for a solid third line.

Ben Hawn'98 is starting his first full season with the varsity squad. After playing two full season on the junior varsity level Ben made the leap to varsity late last year when he proved himself capable, scoring two points in only three games. Another hard worker with a big heart, Ben is currently centering Chris Baudo and Brian Grady.

In goal for the Continentals is sophomore Jake DeBoever'99. Jake played five full games for the Continentals as a freshman last year and should have his playing time increased this year.

After a heartbreaking loss to Amherst in the fleeting minutes of overtime in the ECAC championship last year, Hamilton looks to improve. "We had a great year last year," said coach Phil Grady, "but I think some of the veterans knew we could have done better. We will be using those veterans as building blocks to this season and strengthen some of the weaknesses we may have had last year." In a league as competitive as the NESCAC, Hamilton has to be at their best at all times. "We have to learn to not take teams lightly no matter how well we are playing. We have good balance on offense and defense, but our goal is to be the best conditioned team on the ice and put ourselves in the best position to contend for either the National championship or the ECAC championship." Coach Grady indicated that his ultimate goal would be to host either playoffs here in the Sage Rink.

Hamilton will be playing their first two games on the road against Bowdoin and Colby, two strong teams who made the national cut last season and are currently picked to return. When asked how he felt about starting his season on the road Grady replied, "We play 24 games in a season. Twelve of them are on the road and it shouldn't matter when we play them. These games are just as important as the home games. We see the trip to Maine as a challenge and we are ready to meet that challenge head-on." The Continentals travel to the rugged coast of Maine on November 22.



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The Continentals will heat things up during the long, frigid Clinton winter.

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SPECTATORSPORTS

Volleyball comes up big in NESCAC tournament

Clark and Tschampel earn conference honors; head to ECAC's this weekend

By Rob Herring '00
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This past weekend the Hamilton Volleyball Team placed third in the NESCAC Tournament, earning them a bid to its first ever ECAC Tournament.

The team finished behind two very tough teams, Tufts and Williams. Going into the tournament, Hamilton was seeded fourth out of the eleven NESCAC teams, behind Tufts, Williams, and Amherst. Hamilton's first match was against Wesleyan. The Conts cruised in this one winning (3-0), 15-8, 15-8, 16-14.

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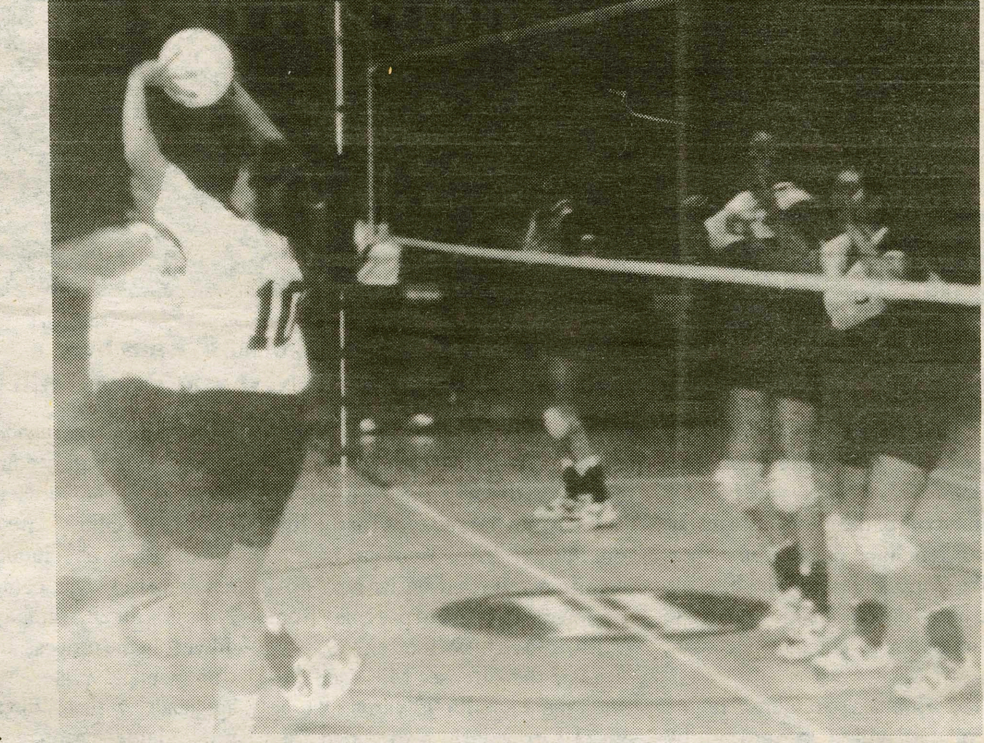
Hamilton then moved to the semi-finals where they met Tufts. In a hard fought match, the Conts lost to the eventual champions in five games, 8-15, 15-12, 15-9, 7-15, 12-15. Knortz said that the team was very disappointed to have come so far and lose such a close match. "We knew we had to play well to win it." she said. They did play well but unfortunately they could not play to their potential as the team had very little rest in between matches. As Knortz said earlier it was anyone's tournament and this was evident in the fact that three points separated the third place finisher from the eventual champion. Sheila Green and Christina Clark played very well in the losing effort.

In the match for third place, Hamilton defeated Amherst 3-2, winning 15-13, 11-15, 9-15, 16-14, 15-13 continuing their come-from-behind tactics which have made the team so successful. Jen Lentek and Sarah Tschampel led the team in digs. Christina Clark and Jen Moran also played very well. Coach Knortz was impressed with the play of her team, "I think we played very well. We left our heart and soul out on the court." Hamilton improved to 21-6 while Amherst fell to 23-13.

Clark was rewarded for her efforts when she was named to the All-Tournament Team for her outstanding play during throughout NESCAC's. In the Tournament she broke Hamilton's career kills record with her 1007th career kill. She was also named to the First Team ALL-NESCAC team as well, making her one of the top six players in the conference. While her first honor was only based on her tournament play, the second was based on her play throughout the season. She has played very well throughout the season and was justly rewarded in the post-season.

Sarah Tschampel has also had a tremendous year on the team. Only a freshman, she has made an immediate impact on the team and has helped them with their post-season success. She too was rewarded for her outstanding play. She was nominated to the Second Team All-NESCAC team and was named Rookie of the Year.

With these two players and the others who made huge contributions, such as Jen Lentek, Jen Moran, and Emily Cooney, Coach Knortz claims that this team is Hamilton's best ever. They have a winning percentage of .777, .06 points higher than there previous most successful season. In the 12 years of the program, Hamilton has never been to the ECAC's. The team has made tremendous strides this year and should make some noise at Wesleyan this weekend.



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The volleyball team has had a stellar season of 21-6, the best in the teams history.

At Wesleyan, the Conts will take on Smith and if they win this, they will meet Wesleyan. The winner of this match will advance to the finals. It is a single elimination tournament. However, Coach Knortz thinks her team has a chance. "I know and believe that we can play with the best of them. There are eight legitimate teams out there. It's, again, really anybody's tournament." she said. Hamilton is seeded fourth. Binghamton is the only other New York team in the tournament. Williams and Amherst join Hamilton from NESCAC.

From here on out it is all fun for the Continentals because they never thought they would t this far. "We're enjoying the best season in the history of the program," Coach Knortz said, "even if we lose our first match we will still have had our best season ever."

If they do lose their first match, it will not be without a fight. Hamilton has only lost three matches in straight games. They will be a tough opponent for Smith College.

New frosh blood reloads Continental squad for '96-'97 season

Men's ice hockey opens season on the road with Bowdoin and Colby

By David Andeatta '97
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The Hamilton College men's ice hockey team looks to have another promising season ahead of them. Much like Hamilton Continental men's basketball, Continental hockey has been a benchmark of stability among Hamilton College athletics in recent years. Under the tutelage of Head Coach Phil Grady, men's hockey has posted impressive winning records for the last six consecutive seasons, and looks to add this season to its long list of accomplishments.

The Continentals will put more freshmen on the ice this season than any other in current student memory, but the surprising thing is that neither the team nor the coaching staff see the 1996-97 hockey season as a rebuilding year. Using veterans as a building block to last year's squad, Coach Grady admits he is pleased with the progress his youngsters have made and impressed with the way they have adapted to hockey at the college level. In all, there are ten new additions and they fill gaps at every position.

One position that has been filled is the assistant coaching position which is now occupied by Tim Vanini.

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

The Rage in Sage will continue this year under the leadership of senior Jeff Bradley.

Vanini, a graduate of Cornell University and its hockey program, replaced Mike Doneghy this past summer.

Four of the new additions are defensemen. Joe Zorumski '00 has the size and strength that will make him a presence on the ice. A quality defenseman, Joe posseses good offensive skills and his quick feet will allow him to rush the puck. Ed Cassin '00 is strong, physical, and has a lot of composure. He should develop into a very steady defenseman for the Conts. Mark Warcup '00 is a smart hockey player who can read the play well. The Conts will be depending on Warcup to find the open man with his passing expertise, in hopes to quicken the break-out and seize breakaway opportunities. Terry Bevan's '00 best strength is his skating ability. An offensive-defenseman, Terry is fast on the ice and has solid offensive skills. With time Bevan should develop into a defensive-minded player which will balance out with his offensive skills.

New additions at the forward positions include Mike Phalen'00, Chris Baudo'00, Joe Rowean'00, and Brian Grady'00. Phalen'00 is said to have perhaps the best work ethic on the team. He is feisty and not afraid to hit or get hit. Excellent in the corners, the Continentals will most likely utilize Mike as a power forward on the left wing. Chris Baudo'00 is another left winger who will see a lot of ice this season. Chris has soft hands when carrying the puck and his quick feet enable him to get out of sticky situations safely with the puck. Like his brother Joe who also plays for the Continentals, Chris is agile and has good balance which serves him well in the corners. His strongest attribute is that he always finishes his checks. Bryant Rowean'00 is a highly-skilled centerman who has a mind for playmaking. Currently centering the third line, Bryant is smart with the puck and can find the open man. In time he should develop into a top-notch forward. At 6'3 and 205 lbs. Brian Grady is not only the biggest freshman, but also the biggest player on the team. Possibly the most physically imposing Continental, Brian has a hard shot that can find the net as he has proven in the pre-season. The key to Brian's success, however, will rely on his aggressiveness. He will have to use his size and physical play to be effective on the ice.

In goal the Continentals will look to harness the talent of Brent

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